LEGAL NOTICES.

ELIZABETH HUMPHREYS, of Castledermot, Co. Kildare, Widow, Deceased.
Take Notice that all persons having any claims against the personal estate of the above deceased, who died on 29th June, 1916, are hereby required to furnish particulars thereof (in writing) to the undersigned Solicitor for the Administratrix on or before 31st January, 1917, after which date the said Administratrix will proceed to distribute the said deceased's estate, having regard only to such claims as shall have been furnished as aforesaid.
Dated this 11th December, 1916.
CHARLES J. REDDY, Solicitor, 35 Westland row, Dublin.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
In the Goods of
BRIDGET McDONNELL, late of Mell House, Drogheda, in the County of Louth, Widow, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the 22nd and 23rd Victoria, Cap. 35, that all persons claiming to be Creditors of, or otherwise to have any claim or demand against, the Estate or Assets of the said Bridget McDonnell, deceased, who died on the 4th day of July, 1916, are hereby required, on or before the 25th day of January, 1917, to furnish (in writing) particulars of such claims or demands to the undersigned, as Solicitors for Thomas Fitzharris and John Carney, the Executors named in the Will of the said Deceased, to whom Probate of the Will, with one Codicil of said Deceased, was granted forth of the District Registry at Armagh of the King's Bench Division (Probate) of the High Court of Justice in Ireland on the 18th day of September, 1916, and, in default thereof, the said Executors will proceed to distribute the Assets of the said Testatrix having regard only to the claims of which notice and particulars shall have been given as above required.
Dated this 20th day of December, 1916.
THOMAS GERRARD and CO., Solicitors for said Executors, 25 Westmoreland street, Dublin, and Drogheda.

NOTICE OF CHARITABLE BEQUESTS.
In the Goods of
WILLIAM KEARNEY, late of 38 Manor street, in the City of Dublin, Cattle Exporter, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given, that the above-named Deceased, by his Will, dated 28th November, 1914, made the following Charitable Bequests:—
To the Clergy of the Church of the Holy Family, Aughrim street, Dublin ... £36
To the Clergy of the Church of Saint Paul's, Arran quay, Dublin ... £36
To the Clergy of the Church of Adam and Eve, Merchant's quay, Dublin ... £36
To the Clergy of the Church of Saint Canice, Finglas ... £36
To the Clergy of Saint Margaret's Church, Finglas ... £[illegible]
Said sums to be paid to the Clergy attached at the time of his death to the aforesaid Churches for Masses for the repose of his Soul and the Souls of his relatives at a Honorarium of 5/- each Mass. Said Masses to be celebrated in public in said Churches.
The Testator died on the 27th November, 1916, and Probate of his said Will was, on the 15th December, 1916, granted forth of the Principal Registry, High Court of Justice in Ireland, King's Bench Division (Probate), to Ellen Frances Kearney, Widow, 38 Manor street, aforesaid, and John Joseph Byrne, Esquire, Miltown, Clonskeagh, in the County of Dublin, the Executors in said Will named.
Dated this 19th day of December, 1916.
WILLIAM MOONEY and SON, Solicitors for Executors, 16 Fleet street, Dublin.
To the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests in Ireland, and to all whom it may concern.

NOTICE OF CHARITABLE BEQUESTS.
In the Goods of
MRS. BRIDGET CUMMINS, late of No. 17 Upper Bridge street, Dublin, Widow, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 30 and 31 Vic., chap. 54, Sec. 19, that the said Bridget Cummins, by her Will, dated the 20th day of July, 1915, bequeathed to Canon Kavanagh, of High Street Chapel, Dublin, the sum of £200, to be applied by him for the purpose of repairs to said Chapel.
The Testatrix bequeathed the following sums to the following persons for the purpose of Masses for the repose of the souls of herself and her late son, Edward Cummins—namely:—
£100 to the Parish Priest at the time of her death of Adam and Eve's Chapel, Merchant's quay, Dublin.
£25 to Canon Kavanagh.
£10 to Father Butler, and
£10 to Father Fitzpatrick, all of High street, Dublin.
£10 to Father Scally, and
£10 to Father Monahan, both of Francis street Chapel, Dublin.
The Testatrix bequeathed to the Trustees of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul the sum of £20, and to the Roomkeepers' Society the sum of £20, to be applied in such manner as should be thought right. To St. Patrick's Home, Rialto, South Circular road, Dublin, the sum of £10, and to the Priest or other the head of the Roman Catholic Chapel, Mount Argus, Dublin, the sum of £10.
The Testatrix appointed Patrick Breen, of Victoria terrace, Kimmage road, Terenure, Co. Dublin, and [illegible] Barrett, of Windsor Lodge, Monkstown, Co. Dublin, Executors of said Will, to whom Probate was granted forth of the Principal Registry of the King's Bench Division (Probate) of the High Court of Justice in Ireland on the 19th of December, 1916.
Dated this 21st day of December, 1916.
T. W. HARDMAN and SONS, Solicitors for said Executors, 14 Molesworth street, Dublin.
To the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests, and all whom it may concern.

FINAL NOTICE TO CLAIMANTS AND INCUMBRANCERS.
COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.
LAND PURCHASE ACTS.
Record No. E.C. 7587.
Estate of
JOHN HAMPDEN NICHOLSON, County Meath.
Take Notice that the final Schedule of Incumbrances affecting the proceeds of the sale of parts of the lands of Ardnamullan, containing 418a. 0r. 31p., and Ticroghan, containing 244a. 3r. 6p., both statute measure, and situate in the Barony of Moyfenrath Upper, and County of Meath, which have been sold, or agreed to be sold, under the above Acts, in fee-simple, has been lodged in the Registrar's Office of this Court at 24 Upper Merrion street, Dublin; and any person having any claim not therein inserted, or objecting thereto, either on account of the amount or the priority of any charge therein reported as due to him or [illegible] deeds, which are not forthcoming, and are alleged to be lost—viz.:—
1. Conveyance dated 22nd July, 1837, Lord Sherborne to Christopher A. Nicholson, of the lands of Ticroghan, sold herein;
2. Incumbered Estates Court Conveyance dated 10th July, 1855, to John A. Nicholson, of the lands of Ardnamullan, sold herein;
3. Conveyance of a rent of £109 10s. 0d. out of Ardnamullan dated 28th June, 1875, from the Church Temporalities Commissioners to Christopher A. Nicholson and another;
—or for any other reason, is required to lodge an objection thereto, stating the particulars of his demand, and duly verified, with the Registrar of this Court on or before the 25th day of January, 1917, or to appear on the following Monday, the 29th day of January, 1917, at 11 o'clock, [illegible] at his Court, at the Four Courts, Dublin, when he will adjudicate upon the several claims appearing on such Schedule, and upon any objections lodged thereto. [illegible] is liable to be objected to within the time aforesaid.
And further Take Notice that I have fixed Friday, the 26th day of January, 1917, at my Chamber, at 24 Upper Merrion street, Dublin, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the [illegible] of the said Schedule, and all parties interested should attend before me on that day with their respective proofs to vouch their respective claims with a view to the funds being distributed on the 29th day of January, 1917.
Dated this 21st day of December, 1916.
H. J. MONAHAN, Examiner.
MONTGOMERY and CHATTOR, Solicitors for Vendor, 13 Molesworth street, Dublin.

Notice of Audit and Dividend—23—7799.
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN IRELAND. KING'S BENCH DIVISION—IN BANKRUPTCY.
In the Matter of
FELIX DUFFY, of Flower Hill, Naas, in the County of Meath, Spirit Merchant, a Bankrupt.
A Public Sitting will be held before the Court, at the Bankruptcy Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin, on Friday, the 19th day of January, 1916, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to audit the Assignee's Account and make a dividend in this matter.
Dated this 21st day of December, 1916.
R. W. STUART, Senior Clerk.
A. G. HOLLINSHEAD, Official Assignee, Bankruptcy Buildings, Four Courts, Dublin.
THEODORE CRONHELM, Solicitor for the Assignees, 22 Bachelor's Walk, Dublin.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
In the Goods of
BESSIE DOROTHEA DAWSON, late of Landscape, New Ross, in the County of Wexford, Widow, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 22 and 23 Vic., cap 35, that all persons claiming to be Creditors of, or otherwise to have any claim or demand against the assets of the said Bessie Dorothea Dawson, who died on the 30th day of November, 1915, are hereby required, on or before the 12th day of January, 1917, to furnish (in writing) particulars of such claims or demands to the undersigned Solicitors for Miss Helen Glascott, of Alderton, New Ross, aforesaid, one of the Executors of the Deceased, and to whom Probate was granted at Waterford on the 25th day of August, 1916.
And Notice is hereby further given that after the said 12th day of January, 1917, the said Executrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Deceased, having regard only to the claims or demands of which notice shall be given as above required.
Date this 30th day of November, 1916.
DOBBYN and McCOY, 5 Colbeck street, Waterford.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
In the Goods of
JAMES O'CARROLL, late of the National Bank, Wicklow, in the County of Wicklow, Bachelor, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 22 and 23 Victoria, Chapter 35, that all persons claiming to be creditors, or otherwise to have any claims or demands against the estate of the above-named deceased, who died on the 25th day of August, 1916, are required, on or before the 6th day of January, 1917, to furnish (in writing) particulars of their claims or demands to the undersigned Solicitor for Patrick O'Carroll, Esq., of Ballybunion, the sole Executor in the Will of said deceased named, to whom Probate was granted by the District Registry at Limerick, of the High Court of Justice in Ireland, King's Bench Division (Probate), on the 13th day of November, 1916. And Notice is hereby further given, that after the 6th day of January, 1917, the said Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased, having regard only to the claims and demands of which notice and particulars shall have been given as above required.
Dated this 28th day of November, 1916.
ROBERT A. MACAULAY, Solicitor for the said Executor, The Square, Listowel, Co. Kerry.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
In the Goods of
IGNATIUS CONROY, late of 48 Home Farm road, Drumcondra, in the City of Dublin, Esquire, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 22nd and 23rd Vic., cap. 35, that all persons claiming to be creditors of, or otherwise to have any claims or demands against the estate of the said Ignatius Conroy, who died on the 11th day of November, 1916, are hereby required, on or before the 1st day of January, 1917, to furnish (in writing) particulars of such claims or demands to the undersigned Solicitor for Joseph McDermott, of 151 Rathgar road, Dublin, Solicitor, the sole Executor named in the Will of deceased, to whom Probate thereof was granted on the 28th day of November, 1916, forth of the Principal Registry, High Court of Justice, Ireland, King's Bench Division (Probate).
And Notice is hereby further given that after the said 1st January, 1917, the said Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Deceased, having regard only to the claims of which notice shall have been given as above required.
Dated this 30th day of November, 1916.
EDMOND MOONEY, Solicitor for the Executor, 16 Fleet street, Dublin.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
In the Goods of
SARAH ANN CAMPBELL, late of Killyman street, Moy, in the County of Tyrone, Spinster, Deceased.
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the 22nd and 23rd Vic., cap. 35, that all persons claiming to be creditors or otherwise to have any claim against the estate or assets of the said Sarah Ann Campbell, deceased, who died on the 19th day of September, 1916, are hereby required, on or before the 2nd day of February, 1917, to furnish to the undersigned Solicitors for the Administrator, with Will annexed of the said deceased, to whom Administration has been granted forth of the Principal Registry of the King's Bench Division (Probate) of the High Court of Justice in Ireland on the 10th day of November, 1916, [illegible] the said Administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased, having regard only to the claims of which notice and particulars shall have been given as hereby required.
Dated the 20th day of November, 1916.
JOYNT and CRAWFORD, Solicitors for the said Administrator, [illegible] place, Dublin.

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BIRTHS.

HEATON—December 18, 1916, at Mauritius, the wife of HERBERT HENNIKER HEATON, of a daughter. (By cable.)
JEFFERS—December 20, 1916, at Drumleck, Castlebellingham, the wife of ALBERT JEFFERS, of a son.
McCANN—December 18, 1916, at The Hotel, Philipstown, the wife of JOSEPH McCANN, of a son.
MELBOURNE—December 11, 1916, at Curraheen, Horse and Jockey, Thurles, Co. Tipperary, the wife of RICHARD MELBOURNE, of a son.
O'REILLY—December 19, 1916, at 17 Brookfield terrace, Donnybrook, to Mr. and Mrs. LEVINS O'REILLY, a son.
SCANLAN—December 14, 1916, at Abbey House, Killaloe, to Mr. and Mrs. MICHAEL SCANLAN, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

FARRAN AND COOPER—December 19, 1916, at the Parish Church, Frimley, Surrey, by Rev. — Woods, M.A., Chaplain to the Forces, Lieutenant CHARLES E. FARRAN, R.E., fifth son of the late Sir Charles Farran, Chief Justice, Bombay, to THEODORA, daughter of the late Rev. SIMSON COOPER, Vicar of Coolock, Co. Dublin.

DEATHS.

ANDERSON—December 22, 1916, at 39 Harrington street, Rev. JAMES ANDERSON, for many years Chaplain to Grangegorman Prison, aged 66 years. R.I.P. Funeral from 39 Harrington street to Glasnevin Cemetery, at 10 a.m., to-morrow (Sunday). American papers please copy.
BELL—December 21, 1916, at Pegsboro', Tipperary, suddenly, ROBERT POPHAM BELL, J.P., only son of the late Ven. Robert Bell, D.D., Archdeacon of Cashel, aged 72 years. Funeral will leave Pegsboro' to-morrow (Sunday), 24th inst., at 3 o'clock.
BRIGHT—December 19, 1916, at Bristol, after a short illness, GERTRUDE VANDERSLOOT, of 114 Pembroke road, Dublin, dearly-beloved mother of Captain CHARLES BIRD and FRANK C. BRIGHT. Interment took place at Bristol (Arnos Vale Cemetery) yesterday (Friday), December 22nd. Friends please accept this (the only) intimation.
DYSART—December 21, 1916, at West Hampstead, MARY, wife of the late THOMAS DYSART, of St. Columb's, Moville, Derry, and eldest daughter of the late Venble. Archdeacon Galwey, aged 93.
FOX—Passed away December 21, 1916, at his residence, 7 Bushy Park road, Rathgar, JAMES J. FOX, of 119 Grafton street, Dublin, in his 76th year. Funeral (private) for Mount Jerome, leaving house 8.45 a.m. to-day (Saturday).
HALL—December 21, 1916, at 16 Prison Cottages, N.C. road, MATHEW EDWARD, eldest son of JAMES HALL, H.M. Prison. Sadly missed. Funeral to St. George's Burial Ground to-day (Saturday), 23rd inst., at 10.30 o'clock. "He shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away."
HILDEBRAND—December 22, 1916, at the residence of her mother (Mrs. Edge, Westport), ADA, the darling wife of PERRY HILDEBRAND, 3 Mayfield road, Terenure.
HOGAN—December 21, 1916, at his residence, 24 Grosvenor road, PAUL HOGAN, 2 Suffolk street. R.I.P. Funeral to Glasnevin to-morrow (Sunday) from the Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar, after the 10 o'clock Mass.
JOHNSTON—December 22, 1916, at Beverston, Dundrum, SARAH JANE, widow of the late WILLIAM JOHNSTON, of Kinlough House, Co. Leitrim, aged 83 years. Funeral from Beverston, 10.30 a.m., Tuesday, 26th. No flowers.
KENNEDY—November 3, 1916, at Johannesburg, JOSEPH ALFRED, second son of the late P. V. KENNEDY, and of Mrs. KENNEDY, 14 Summerhill, Nenagh. R.I.P.
KIERNAN—December 22, 1916, at her residence, 24 Rathmines road, Mrs. ANNIE KIERNAN. Deeply regretted. R.I.P. Funeral from R.C. Church, Rathmines, to-morrow (Sunday) after 10 o'clock Mass.
MERRILEES—December 22, 1916, at 4 Sion Hill avenue, Harold's Cross, CHARLES MERRILEES, aged 71, beloved husband of Charlotte Elizabeth Merrilees. Funeral this (Saturday) morning, 11.45, Mount Jerome.
PARRY—December 21, 1916, A. W. J. PARRY (LADDIE), beloved son of G. and E. J. Parry, Market street, Cootehill. Funeral to-morrow (Sunday), 24th, to Dernakesh at 1.15 p.m. "Peace, perfect peace."
REILLY—December 22, 1916, at 33 Annesley place, North Strand, Dublin, RICHARD REILLY, late Newmarket, of Terenure. Deeply regretted by his loving wife and family. Funeral to Mount Jerome. "Thy will be done."
ROGERS—December 20, 1916, at St. Mary's, Ely, MARIA, third daughter of the late HENRY ROGERS, The Hill, Monaghan.
SWIFTE—At 2 Kenilworth Villas, Harold's Cross road, THOMAS (TOMMIE), darling son of THOMAS and ELEANOR SWIFTE, aged 3 years. Deeply regretted. Funeral to Glasnevin to-morrow (Sunday), December 24th, 9.30.
VERDON—December 12, 1916, at Mossfield, Wavertree, Liverpool, JANE NICHOLL VERDON, widow of the late Thomas Verdon, Esq., J.P. Interred at St. Oswald's, Old Swan. R.I.P.
WHITNEY—December 21, 1916, at his residence, 29 Upper Fitzwilliam street, Dublin, Sir BENJAMIN WHITNEY, Solicitor, Clerk of the Crown and Peace for County Mayo, in his 83rd year. Funeral private. No flowers.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Mrs. CAVANAGH, Retreat House, Geashill, desires to return heartfelt thanks to the many friends who have expressed such loving sympathy in her recent great sorrow, and hope they will accept this acknowledgement, as it is impossible to reply to each one individually.
JOHN DUNNE and family return grateful thanks to the many friends for the letters and telegrams of sympathy received in their recent and bereavement, and hope they will accept this acknowledgment, as, owing to their large number, it is impossible to reply to them individually.—Newtown, Hazelhatch, Co. Dublin.
Mr. and Mrs. MICHAEL TALLON and family, Enniskerry, return sincere thanks for kind sympathy in their recent bereavement, and beg their friends to accept this acknowledgment.

IN MEMORIAM.

GRICE—Second Anniversary—In fond and loving memory of JAMES ARTHUR (JIMMIE), the dearly-beloved and loving husband of GEORGINA E. GRICE, who entered into rest on the 23rd December, 1914. "Gone, but never forgotten."—Roseville, Clonliffe road.
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PLATFORM AND STAGE.

The Gaiety Theatre will re-open on Tuesday next, at 1 o'clock, with the pantomime of "Humpty-Dumpty," which has been written by J. Hickory Wood and R. C. Oldham, with music by S. P. Swanton. Already in our columns there has been a general description of the pantomime. It is arranged in two parts, the first divided into four and the second into seven scenes, and the whole production is under the supervision of Fred. W. Warden, assisted by Thomas Barry, stage manager. In addition to Tuesday's matinée, there will be performances each evening, and matinées on Wednesday, December 27th; Saturday, December 30th; Monday, January 1st, and each succeeding Wednesday and Saturday.

The Christmas pantomime at the Theatre Royal will be Warden and Willmot's version of "Robinson Crusoe." There are twelve scenes in the piece, and it is produced under the direction of Fred. W. Warden, who is assisted by Lewis Leslie, stage manager. "Robinson Crusoe" has been specially written for the Theatre Royal by Arthur W. Field, and the music has been composed, selected, and arranged by Thomas A. Coomer and Harvey Pelissier. It is unnecessary to add to the account of the production which has appeared already in the *Irish Times*. Matinée performances will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday next, and every Saturday until further notice, and each night there will be two performances.

"Dick Whittington" has proved to be a very successful pantomime at the Queen's Theatre. There will be a matinée to-day at 2.15, and the piece will be produced twice nightly during the remainder of the season.

A host of artists will appear at the Queen's Theatre concert to-morrow night, in addition to a full chorus and an augmented orchestra. Amongst the artists are Miss May Doyle (soprano), Miss Mary Maguire (mezzo-soprano), Mr. W. M. Mulhall (tenor), Mr. Irving Lynch (bass), Mr. Tom Dunne (humorous songs), Mr. Pete McDonagh (dancer), and Miss Mollie O'Byrne (soprano), with Miss Gertrude Coolahan as accompanist.

"The Whiteheaded Boy" will form the holiday attraction at the Abbey Theatre next week. The new year will see revivals of "Nic" and "Partition." Some new plays are promised for the spring season, which will run on to Whit Week. Together with the new Irish plays several "Shaw" plays are down for production. A matinée of "The Whiteheaded Boy" will take place at 2.30 p.m. on Boxing Day, and the play will be repeated during the week, at 8.15 each evening, and a second matinée will take place on Saturday, at 2.30 p.m.

As the result of her violin recital at the Gaiety Theatre, Miss Petite O'Hara has been able to send to Lord Meath a cheque for £120 in aid of the Irish Police and Constabulary Recognition Fund. Miss O'Hara and those who were associated with her in organising the matinée are to be congratulated not only on their spirit of enterprise, but on the artistic as well as the financial success of the recital.

The old nursery story of "The Babes in the Wood" forms the subject of Mr. Barney Armstrong's second Christmas pantomime at the Empire Theatre. It will be seen for the first time at a 2.30 matinée on Tuesday next. The subject lends itself to scenic treatment, and full advantage has been taken of this circumstance. But the chief factor in the pantomime is fun, provided by a first rate company of artists. Miss Madge Clifton, the Principal Boy, will be remembered in connection with the "Cinderella" pantomime last year, and those who saw her then know that she will be able to do justice to her present *rôle*. Cullen and Carthy are the bold, bad robbers, and Cliff Berzac, with his trained ponies and mules, will provide a most entertaining animal act. Miss Raie Walters is Maid Marion, and George Benson, a well-known comedian, is the Baron. Then there are Gwennie Harcourt, Muriel Leslie, Ursula Gold, Queenie King, and Florrie Hayes. The children's ballet, most of them locally engaged, show to advantage in the Wood scene, and the Eight Empire Girls appear with a full chorus. Mr. Barney Armstrong claims to have discovered a new "Scotch Kelly" in Johnny O'Brien, the Dublin street tumbler. The production is under the personal supervision of Mr. Barney Armstrong and his general manager, Mr. Charles Johnson. Matinées will take place every Wednesday and Saturday.

The Tivoli Theatre announces a special matinée at 2 o'clock on St. Stephen's Day, in addition to the usual two performances nightly during the remainder of next week. The principal engagement is that of James Mooney and Ida Holbein, two well-known audevilles. The Phil Ascot Four are a quartet of dancers well worth seeing; and for the rest there is abundance of variety in the "turns" of Jack Martin (comedian); Simosa San, a Japanese artist; Bell and Frey, Allen McKelvin, the Australian star; Hope and Dennise, and Dorothy Fax. The Tivoli bioscope will show the latest pictures.

Attention is directed to the announcement (in our advertising columns) of a series of dances and other entertainments for which the services of Mr. Clarke-Barry's Band have been engaged. Mr. Clarke Barry desires the promoters of dances and the general public to know that the members of his orchestra are all professional musicians, and members of the Amalgamated Musicians' Union. The Dublin branch of this Union includes 170 members, and in the United Kingdom its membership numbers upwards of 5,000.

An interesting afternoon concert will be given in aid of the Dublin University V.A.D. Hospital, at Regent House, Trinity College, on January 6th, when a number of distinguished artists will assist. Mr. Clyde Twelvetrees, Mrs. George Macmahon, and Miss Maud Hutton will give instrumental items; while the vocalists will include Miss May Doyle, Miss Olive Hurley, Mon. Carlo Berchmans, Mr. A. J. Ireland, Mr. Jim Burke, and Madame Coslett-Heller.

Two exclusive films will be shown at the Princess Cinema, Rathmines, on Tuesday next when the house opens at 1.30 p.m. One of these is a two-part Vitagraph, entitled "A Question of Right and Wrong," showing the popular screen-actor Maurice Costello. The other is a four-part comedy picture, "The Bad Lad of the Family." A number of comedy subjects and the Pathe Gazette complete the programme. On Thursday there will be a complete change of pictures, the principal one being a five-part film, entitled "Truth."

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GOLFING NOTES.

I understand that at the general meeting of the Castle Club in January a proposal will be brought forward to suspend until further notice the entrance fees of members and associates now joining. This proposal, which is likely to be carried, will bring the club into line with most other clubs, who, realising the heavy expenses incidental to war times, are trying to make the members' liability as light as possible. The Castle Club promised to develop on the right lines just before the outbreak of war; its course could be made one of the best of the inland links in the country, and it is to be hoped the committee will be able to carry on until better times arrive. The war hit all clubs severely, but the newly-formed ones, just recovering from the big initial expenses, naturally felt its effects most. So far the Castle Club has stood the strain well, and, with an improvement in the membership list as a result of this new concession, all should go well with this, our youngest club.

In view of the difficulties experienced by Irish clubs in keeping going during war times, it is interesting to learn how the clubs across Channel are faring. In the current number of *Golfing* many particulars are given which go to show that the English clubs generally are affected in much the same way as our own. Buxton and High Peak is progressing satisfactorily, thanks to the generosity of the landlord, the Duke of Devonshire, in accepting half the sum agreed upon for rent. In Ireland we have a couple of instances of similar high-spirited action saving clubs from going under. The Manchester Club is down £55 on the year, but that is not a desperate burden with which to begin 1917.

Longholm Club has a balance in hand, and the Markheaton Club has actually made a profit of £176 on the year's working. Market Harborough has still a credit balance, but Howley Hall, a Yorkshire club, reports a loss of £200 on the year, and Verulam, a St. Albans club, is £154 out of pocket on the twelve months. In the former case every member is going to make a special effort to introduce one new member, and so retrieve the situation. This is the plan adopted at the Delgany Club in County Wicklow, which promises to save one of the most charming courses in the country. At Verulam there is a prospect of twenty members each subscribing £5 to make up most of the deficit. The Penn Club reports 37 resignations and 37 new members, which looks tolerably satisfactory.

It is a sign of the keenness of old golfers that they strive so hard to keep the links in order, so that when the younger men return from the fighting fronts they will be able to enjoy the recreation they so much desire. It would be the greatest pity to allow any links to go absolutely to ruin, unless, of course, it is an essential requirement of the State that it should be given over for other purposes. Wherever such a case has been made out, the club members willingly gave over their course. A case in point is Royal Dublin, the members of which, after spending thousands of pounds on the making of the grand course at Dollymount, gladly handed over the links to the Government at the commencement of the war. Other clubs have suffered similar losses, and, no doubt, more will yet have to make the sacrifice, but wherever possible it is the duty of club committees to keep the courses open.

Army life is now breeding the sporting spirit in millions who formerly partook of little outdoor exercise. When the war is over, these men, trained to the outdoor life, will naturally wish to return to it at every available opportunity. Golf and other games will probably enjoy a popularity never known before, and the demand on the links will be greater than ever. The people who cry out to have all the golf courses ploughed up, so as to increase the food production of the country, do not consider what it costs to make a golf course. Every course now ploughed up may have to be later on converted back to a golf links, and the same big expense undergone again. Golfers will be quite willing to make any further sacrifices required of them, but they must make a stand against the people who wildly shout for an immediate ploughing up of all courses as a first step towards the greater food production.

There are thousands of acres of available land for agricultural purposes upon which not a single penny has been expended. Surely it is only reasonable that these spaces should first be taken over? The banks adjoining the railway lines of the country would be no less ornamental if used for the growing of vegetables. There are many parks used for no other purpose than affording pleasant walks. These walks will not be interfered with by the sowing of crops on the grass plots. Fields used for other games must also be considered as well as golf courses, for it should be remembered that golf, because it is the game of the old and middle-aged as much as of the young, has shown a vitality during war times not enjoyed by other forms of sport.

Statistics given in a recent issue of the *Sportsman* show that the aggregate stroke scores of Vardon, Braid, and Taylor in the championship from 1896 to 1914 are remarkably level. We find that in 76 rounds of 18 holes, representing 19 consecutive championships, a difference of only twelve strokes exists between the first and the last of the three great players. Braid leads the way, his aggregate being one stroke better than Vardon and twelve strokes ahead of Taylor. As regards the winning of the championship during those years, Vardon has the advantage, having won one more than either of his rivals. On such figures it is not easy to make out one of the three vastly superior to the other two. They are all great players, and have maintained a consistency which no other golfer can claim.

The Ouimet case continues to occupy considerable space in the American papers. Last year Francis Ouimet was prevented from playing in the amateur competitions because of the new rule forbidding direct or indirect connection with any sporting goods house. "Now, by fair means, and what seem anything but fair methods," says an American correspondent of the *Sporting Chronicle*, "every effort is being made to influence the U.S.G.A. to overturn their decision, and one paper prints the splash caption across three columns of matter: 'Reasonably Sure Ouimet Will Compete as an Amateur in 1917 Championships.' Who knows? It is declared that a large number of delegates to the annual meeting will, if they carry out present intentions, present requests that Ouimet's suspension shall be removed—that 'the lining-up of his supporters is reaching such formidable dimensions that it is reasonably sure to expect that Ouimet will be competing in the 1917 championships—as an amateur.'"

SPORTING NEWS.

HOLIDAY RACING.

It is satisfactory to learn from the respective Clerks of the Course that the frost has had very little effect on the ground at Leopardstown and Limerick, and that yesterday racing would have been practicable at both venues. It was thawing last night, and the executives do not anticipate any difficulty in bringing off the meetings.

LEOPARDSTOWN.
ORDER OF RUNNING.
TUESDAY.

	H.	M.
Stand Plate	1	0
Stewards' Plate	1	30
Newtown Plate	2	0
St. Stephen's Plate	2	30
Bray Plate	3	0
WEDNESDAY.		
Three-year-old Plate	1	0
Handicap Hurdle	1	30
Stillorgan Plate	2	0
Tower Plate	2	30
Regulation Plate	3	0

LIMERICK MEETING, DECEMBER 26th.
ORDER OF RUNNING.

	H.	M.
Holiday Plate	1	0
Greenpark Plate	1	30
St. Stephen's Plate	2	0
December Plate	2	30
Munster Plate	3	0

SPORTING PARAGRAPHS.

D. Dick, the jockey, having joined the Dragoon Guards, left Epsom for Aldershot.

The funeral of the late J. P. Hallick will take place at Upper Lambourn on Tuesday next.

The statutory meeting of the Turf Club will be held at the Registry Office, Dublin, on January 2nd, at noon.

A general meeting of the I.N.H.S. Committee takes place at the Registry Office on January 2nd, at 2.30 p.m.

Mr. J. C. Sullivan has leased Good Health (3 yrs.) and White Heels (3 yrs.) to Mr. H. S. Harrison.

Owners who intend giving names to their horses should do so at once, and send them to Mr. Brindley, as names not registered prior to January 5th cannot appear in the volume of "Races to Come," now in preparation.

The 33rd annual show of the Hunters' Improvement and National Light Horse Breeding Society has been fixed for February 27, and two following days, at the Agricultural Hall, when premiums for thoroughbred stallions to the value of, approximately, £20,000, will be offered, and the National Pony's Society Show will be held on March 2nd and 3rd.

TRAINING INTELLIGENCE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)
THE CURRAGH, Friday.

A sharp frost overnight necessitated training operations on the rough grass.

ANTHONY'S The Knocks, Palmiess, Ybro, Black North, Tumbril, Jupiter, Alec Blackthorn, Kilncraey, Searchlight, and Portadown [illegible] a mile and a half usefully; Tobber and others were restricted to trotting exercise.

DOYLE'S Safe Guide, Colour System, Fairlight, Fetherney, and the youngsters; BEHAN'S Royal Sienet, Shining More, Happy Moments, and the youngsters; DAWSON'S All the Same, Blessington Hall, Ballyhandy, and the youngsters; and MILLER'S Falkland were restricted to trotting exercise.

DUNNE'S Pep Rafter and the youngsters cantered.

LEOPARDSTOWN DECEMBER MEETING, 1916.

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HUNTING.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

Date—Dec.	Meet.	Hour.
Saturday, 23	Priestown Cross-roads	1.30
Wednesday, 27	8-Mile Stone	1.30
Saturday, 30	Drumree Station	1.30
THE KILDARE.		
Saturday, 23	Maynooth	11.0
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Tuesday, 26	Trim	11.0
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HUNTING FIXTURES.

CO. GALWAY HUNT.—December—Wednesday, 27th, Coolarne; Friday, 29th, Killyra; Saturday, 30th, Loughrea. January, 1917—Tuesday, 2nd, Monivea Castle; Wednesday, 3rd, Carrowkeel Cross-roads, Saturday, 6th, Raford. At 11 o'clock.

BILLIARDS.

INMAN v. REECE.—A capital company was present at the Picton Hall, Liverpool, yesterday, when these professionals continued their game of 16,000 up. Inman compiled 71, 94, 109, 201, 69, and 74 and Reece 107, 177, and 61. Interval scores:—Reece (to play), 13,408; Inman, 13,345.

FALKINER v. COPE.—The above professionals continued their snooker match of 61 games up at Leicester square, London, yesterday afternoon. Falkiner led at the resumption by 21 games to 18, but during the session Cope won three games to two, with scores of 74 to 49, 29 to 88, 26 to 18, 30 to 51, and 101 to 10. In the evening Cope won three games to two, at 61 to 39, 51 to 45, 45 to 40, 315 to 70, and 88 to 74. The best breaks were—Falkiner 28, and Cope 22. Scores:—Falkiner, 25 games; Cope, 24 games; one tie.

STEVENSON v. HARRIS.—A capital company was present when the resumption was made of this game of 15,000 up, Harris with 3,000 points start, at Messrs. Orme and Son's, Manchester, yesterday afternoon. The play throughout was of a high standard. The first break of note came from Harris, who subscribed 52. Stevenson followed with 99, and subsequently was responsible for 96, 63, 86, 155, 97, 66, and 83. Harris made 101, 102, 90, 76 and 109. Interval scores:—Harris, 12,482; Stevenson (to play), 11,611. Resuming in the evening, Stevenson was the first to score with a break of 76. Harris, in reply, ran up 64. The conceder of points, however, at his next venture scored a brilliant 186, and, continuing to show good form, added 102, 98, and 68. Harris played a capital game, registering 136, 97, 140, and 53. Closing scores:—Harris, 13,248; Stevenson (to play), 12,361.

BOXING.

GOOD WIN FOR YOUNG M'DERMOTT.

At the Liverpool Stadium last night Young M'Dermott, of Malahide, who has shown consistently good form in Ireland, knocked out O'Shea, of Wales, in the thirteenth round.

FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE.

WAR OFFICE, December 22, 1916.
REGULAR FORCES.
INFANTRY.

Royal Irish Fusiliers—The undermentioned temporary Second Lieutenants to be temporary Lieutenants—R. Le Mare, B. L. Beckingsale.

Leinster Regiment—Lieutenant W. D. Bodgen to be Captain, and to remain seconded.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

Royal Army Medical Corps—Temporary Major Aylmer W. May, M.D., relinquishes his commission. The undermentioned to be temporary Lieutenants—J. J. O'Mullane, W. M. G. Guinness, M.D.; B. G. H. Connolly, M.B.; H. W. Bernard, M.B.

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South Irish Horse—Lieutenants to be Captains—G. J. Jameson, G. O. Colthurst, and to remain seconded; T. E. Morton. Second Lieutenants to be Lieutenants—A. G. Dignan, P. N. Smith.

INFANTRY.

Royal Dublin Fusiliers—Lieutenant M. E. F. B. Jameson to be Captain, with seniority next below H. E. B. Thornhill.

INFANTRY—SERVICE BATTALIONS.

Royal Dublin Fusiliers—Temporary Lieutenant K. Ryan relinquishes the acting rank of Captain on ceasing to command a company. Temporary Second Lieutenant T. C. K. Coleman relinquishes his commission on account of ill-health.

REGULAR FORCES.

Warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and men to be temporary Second Lieutenants (on probation):—

INFANTRY.

Leinster Regiment—Private C. Coffey, from a Service Battalion.

Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers—Lance-Corporal O. W. Holmes, from a Service Battalion, Leinster Regiment Sergeant T. McKnight, from a Service Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles.

Royal Irish Rifles—Corporal T. N. Stuart, from a Service Battalion; Sergeant M. Rankin, from a Service Battalion; Lance-Corporal M. W. Shaw, from a Service Battalion; Regimental Sergeant-Major W. H. Wyles, Sergeant W. J. Johnston.

Royal Dublin Fusiliers—Private J. F. Johnston, from a Service Battalion, Leinster Regiment.

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GOLF.

DELGANY CLUB.—The clubhouse will be closed on Christmas Day.

KINGSTOWN CLUB.—St. Stephen's Day—A flag competition will be held, each competitor to bring a prize. Visitors may compete.

KILLINEY CLUB.—9-hole sweepstake on St. Stephen's Day.

LUCAN CLUB.—Boxing Day—Semi-open mixed foursomes v. bogey. Wednesday, 27th instant—Stroke competition. Above open to hotel visitors.

MILLTOWN CLUB.—St. Stephen's Day—18 holes by stroke (sweep). Draws every half-hour, from 10 to 1 p.m. Afternoon—9-hole sweep.

FOOTBALL.

ASSOCIATION.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.
INTERMEDIATE CUP—SEMI-FINAL.
Strandville v. South Staffs. Regt. Dalymount Park, 2.15.
LEINSTER JUNIOR CUP—3rd ROUND.
C.Y.M.S. v. Frankfort 2nd. Richmond Hill, 2.15.
BELFAST CUP.
Belfast United v. Linfield. Windsor Park.
Glentoran v. Cliftonville. Cliftonville.
Glenavon v. Distillery. Grosvenor Park.
HOLIDAY FIXTURES.
BELFAST CUP—DECEMBER 25.
Glentoran v. Belfast United. The Oval.
Linfield v. Distillery. Windsor Park.
Glenavon v. Cliftonville. Cliftonville.
DECEMBER 25.
Shelbourne v. Strandville. Shelbourne Park.
DECEMBER 26.
BELFAST LEAGUE MATCH.
Glentoran v. Rest of League. Grosvenor Park, Belfast.
LEINSTER SENIOR LEAGUE.
Bohemians v. Shelbourne. Dalymount Park, 2.30.
LEINSTER JUNIOR CUP—SEMI-FINALS.
Bohemians B v. Strandville 2nd. Shelbourne Park, 12 o'clock.
Glasnevin v. C.Y.M.S. or Frankfort. Shelbourne Park, 2.45.
IRISH JUNIOR CUP.
Olympia v. James's Gate. James's Park.
DECEMBER 27.
BELFAST CUP.
Belfast United v. Glentoran. The Oval.
Distillery v. Linfield. Grosvenor Park.
Cliftonville v. Glenavon. Cliftonville.

HOCKEY.

FIXTURE.
St. Stephen's Day—Royal Hibernians Past and Present v. Mr. Carter's XI. Royal Hibernians' ground, Phœnix Park, 2.30.

Books of the Week.

IRELAND'S LITERARY RENAISSANCE.

The movement which, under different forms, has made of the last half-century a new era in the literary history of Ireland has hitherto wanted a capable historian, but can no longer be said to underlie that reproach. Resident in Baltimore, U.S.A., where he was till lately H.M. British Vice-Consul, Mr. Boyd seems to have been largely dependent for works of reference on Mr. John Quinn, of New York, the American Mæcenas of the Irish Literary Movement. Yet a careful perusal of his book may convince the reader that he gained rather than lost by these apparent hindrances. The work has gained in freshness and vigour, without suffering in accuracy. We congratulate Mr. Boyd on the excellent arrangement of his material, on the detachment of his literary opinions from any admixture of contemporary politics, and on his scrupulous avoidance of that tendency to patriotic exaggeration of which our fellow-countrymen are so often accused.

Having done full justice to James Clarence Mangan and Sir Samuel Ferguson, whom he terms the "precursors" of modern Irish poetry, Mr. Boyd "salutes in Standish James O'Grady the father of the Literary Revival in Ireland." The publication in 1878 of the "History of Ireland: Heroic Period" he looks on as the starting point of that revival. Standish O'Grady's efforts to familiarise Irish readers with the beautiful legends of their own early history were soon reinforced by the work of the translators, at the head of whom stands the veteran George Sigerson. His "Bards of the Gael and Gall" appeared in 1897, and Mr. Boyd holds that its author has compiled an anthology which, "while substantiating the claim of Ancient Ireland to be the 'Mother of Literature,' vindicates, above all, the right of her own sons to turn to her for their literary education." Dr. Sigerson was closely followed by Douglas Hyde on somewhat different lines: he looked, indeed, mainly to the restoration of the Irish language for the realisation of his ideals. Mr. Boyd leaves the works composed in that vernacular which modern Irish scholars have created to be dealt with by some other historian.

Passing over some minor writers, we come to the outstanding figure of William Butler Yeats, to whose writings Mr. Boyd devotes three chapters—one-sixth of the entire work. With this arrangement we have, however, no quarrel. Mr. Yeats is better known, probably, to Irish readers—certainly to an English audience—than any, perhaps than all, of the nest of singing birds who claim attention in the remaining 200 pages of this work. "Poet, dramatist, story-teller, and essayist, he commands attention in almost every department of literature, and the mere bulk and diversity of his writings, apart from their intrinsic excellencies, are sufficient to ensure him a position of the first importance in any survey of Ireland's literary activities during the past quarter of a century." Mr. Boyd is particularly happy in dealing with the mysticism in Mr. Yeats's work. "Mysticism," he tells us, "to Yeats is not an intellectual belief, but an emotional or artistic refuge." The outstanding representative of this school is not William Butler Yeats, but George Russell, better known as "Æ." "That which is purely decorative in the poetry of the former is in 'Æ' the expression of fundamental truths." The poetry of Mr. George Russell receives full and sympathetic exposition, as does that of W. K. Magee, whose work in prose and poetry, written under the pseudonym of "John Eglinton," constitutes no mean factor in the new movement. Indeed, Mr. Boyd, in terming him "our only essayist," does not hesitate to describe him as "one of the most beautiful prose-writers in English at the present time."

With the chapters devoted to the poets of the younger generation—Seumas O'Sullivan, Padraic Colum, James Stephens, Thomas MacDonagh, and others—and to the two phases of the "Dramatic Movement," space will not allow us to deal. Readers will find in these chapters the well-considered judgment of no mean critic. In conclusion we may quote a few lines from Mr. Boyd's summing-up of the position of Anglo-Irish literature:—

"However flattering the cult of Celticism may seem to us, it is unwise to attach any significance to it. Anglo-Irish literature, as a whole, has not grown up to meet the desires of the devotees of this cult, but to meet the need of Ireland for self-expression. Should it incidentally produce a writer of such proportions as to entitle him to a place in comparative literary history, let us, by all means, encourage him to challenge the attention of the outside world." This effectually disposes of the criticism which we have seen passed on a sentence on the last page of the work—"Comparative criticism will in due course decide that question which obsesses certain minds—namely, Is W. B. Yeats a greater poet than Shelley?" This has been taken to imply that Mr. Boyd has decided that question in the affirmative, a view which the context expressly disclaims.

"Ireland's Literary Renaissance." By Ernest A. Boyd. Dublin: Maunsel. 7/6 net.

RECENT VERSE.

When Lord Dunsany introduced Francis Ledwidge to the Irish reading public he little knew under what circumstances the poet's first book was destined to appear. In a lecture before the National Literary Society in the peaceful days of 1914, Lord Dunsany formally presented to the general public the young peasant poet whom he had discovered in the County Meath, and whose verse he had been showing to a few friends in Dublin, themselves well-known poets. It was not, however, until 1915 that "Songs of the Fields" made their appearance, and by that time both Lord Dunsany and Francis Ledwidge had responded to the call of the Great War. Fortunately neither has been added to the sad toll of irreparable losses which have afflicted the ranks of the younger literary generation, both in France and England.

Lord Dunsany has found time to prepare another volume of those fabulous wonder tales for which recognition is slowly being obtained, and again he has been able to write an introductory note to his *protégé's* new volume. "Songs of Peace" surprises by its rather paradoxical title, for it is the work of one who has been on active service in Egypt and Serbia, and has been invalided home. But Corporal Ledwidge sings of themes essentially those of peace—the themes, indeed, which gave such a charm to the earlier "Songs of the Fields." The first poem of the section, "In Serbia," is typical of the mood which the poet carries with him into what must seem to most of us scenes of horror and desolation:—

> All the thin shadows
> Have closed on the grass,
> With the drone on their dark wings
> The night beetles pass.
>
> Green ripples singing down the corn,
> With blossoms dumb the path I tread,
> And in the music of the morn
> One with wild roses on her head.

Lord Dunsany was happily inspired in choosing the title of this volume, for almost all the poems show the author, as he says, "still looking at those fields, though so far distant then, of which he was surely born to be the singer. . . This devotion to the fields of Meath, that . . . from such far places brings his spirit home, like the instinct that has been given to the swallows, seems to be the keynote of the book."

One is more prepared, perhaps, to find amongst the poems written in Greece such verses as "The Departure of Proserpine," or that tender pastoral, "The Home-Coming of the Sheep." But the Irishman in Francis Ledwidge speaks in the grave lines consecrated to the memory of those who fell on behalf of a lost cause, as the preface describes it. "The Wedding Morn," "The Blackbirds," and "Thomas MacDonagh," came to the poet "in barracks," but nevertheless he can write of MacDonagh:—

> He shall not hear the bittern cry
> In the wild sky, where he is lain,
> Nor voices of the sweeter birds
> Above the wailing of the rain.
>
> Nor shall he know when loud March blows
> Thro' slanting snows her fanfare shrill,
> Blowing to flame the golden cup
> Of many an upset daffodil.
>
> But when the Dark Cow leaves the moor
> And pastures poor with greedy weeds,
> Perhaps he'll hear her low at morn
> Lifting her horn in pleasant meads.

Having suffered personally through the tragic events which inspired these lines, Lord Dunsany nevertheless included them, with a plea for the detachment of which both he and the poet set an example. "Rather than attribute curious sympathies to this brave young Irish soldier, I would ask his readers to consider the irresistible attraction that a lost cause has for almost any Irishman." It is all the easier to appreciate the mood of Francis Ledwidge, for without it we should not have these delicate "Songs of Peace," but merely another volume of those songs of war already too familiar. His book comes like the breath of earlier and happier times.

Mr. Walt Mason is refreshingly unconventional, after the American fashion. His speciality is "horse sense," so we need not complain if he succeeds in giving us "the real dope," without "pulling that high-brow stuff," for which, as a practical citizen, he doubtless shares the contempt of his compatriots. Unlike so many of his poetical fellow-citizens, he does not write prose as verse, but achieves fame by writing verse as prose. His themes are those of what America knows as the "plain man," who prefers "Jungle Joe" to the Fifth Symphony, has a sneaking regard for the "uplifter," and is a devoted business man and baseball "fan." Most of his favourite topics are treated by Mr. Mason in rhyming prose (or prosaical rhyme), whichever one prefers. There is sufficient "punch" and "pep" to make the whole agreeable to people who like that sort of thing, or who wish to evoke souvenirs of those United States.

Probably the value of Mr. William Watson's new volume for Dublin readers will reside in the fact that the closing poem is dedicated to a well-known personality in medical and literary circles here. "A Familiar Epistle" exhibits the poet in a moment of sprightly Hibernianism (in the unparliamentary sense), as witness:—

> Oliver Gogarty, me boy,
> While trumpets sound and troops deploy,
> Our once cool Castaly the Kaiser
> Transforms into a very Geyser.

or—

> Three Olivers before your time
> Were not unknown in prose and rhyme.
> One was the paladin—or pal—
> Of him who fought at Roncesvalles,
> And one gave Drogheda to pillage,
> And one wrote "The Deserted Village";
> But sorra an Oliver ever seen
> Compares with him of Stephen's Green.

Needless to say, there is more in "Retrogression and Other Poems" than this "topical piece" which has tempted the fancy beyond the digression imposed by consideration of space; but there is nothing more entertaining.

In "Olton Pools" Mr. Drinkwater shows himself dissimilar from any of the poets we have mentioned. He has neither their defects nor their qualities, but maintains an unbroken level of well-written, not uninspired verse, intensely English in every line, and without such incursions into Hibernicism as mark the volume of Mr. Watson. Mr. Drinkwater is too well known by his own public to make it necessary to recommend him, or to apologise for finding him just a little dull.

"Songs of Peace." By Francis Ledwidge. London: Jenkins. 3/6 net.
"Rippling Rhymes." By Walt Mason. London: Duckworth. 2/6 net.
"Retrogression and Other Poems." By William Watson. London: John Lane. 3/6 net.
"Olton Pools." By John Drinkwater. London: Sidgwick and Jackson. 2/6 net.

THE MIGRATIONS OF FISH.

Among the subjects which will claim attention at the conclusion of the war a prominent place will be occupied by the question of the food resources of these islands, and not the least important branch of the subject will be the conservation and extension of our supply of fish. Professor Meek's book is, therefore, timely in its appearance, for a due appreciation of the migration of fish is necessary to ensure the continuance and, if possible, increase of this important addition to the foods for which we are indebted to agriculture and cattle-raising. The subject has fallen into thoroughly capable hands. The professor has been Director of Dove Marine Laboratory, Cullercoats, since 1897, and is the author of various papers on growth, embryology, and general marine zoology. The lists of authorities cited shows how wide and exhaustive has been the reading which has gone to the production of this bulky, but well-arranged, volume, and the illustrations are numerous and well-executed.

The introduction opens with an illuminating explanation of tides and tidal currents, and the bearing of the former on the movements of flat and round fish. The next section of the introduction deals with geological changes, and these are no less fully described. They are illustrated by diagrams exhibiting the distribution of land and water in the Northern hemisphere at various intervals from the Eocene period to the end of the Glacial epoch, and accounting for the isolation, during that epoch, of fish to the Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, and other oceans and seas south of the area of glaciation.

Having completed his introduction, the author proceeds to trace the migrations of fish, in groups, commencing with the *Cyclostomata*, including marine lampreys and hags, or slime-eels, the former frequenting some of the Irish rivers, the latter particularly common off the north-east coast of England and the east coast of Scotland. The river lampreys, which at one time formed an important fishery in the Thames, have now, like the more important salmon, forsaken that river owing to its pollution. This cause is gradually depriving the English rivers of the visits of the valuable *salmonidæ*: the Tyne is now virtually in the same condition in this respect as the Clyde and Thames. In the Report of the Dove Marine Laboratory for 1913-14 it has been shown "that the region of the Tyne opposite Newcastle is in a permanently polluted condition, and that the polluted zone only moves up and down with the tide." We know that the Liffey, once the seat of a valuable salmon fishery, had almost ceased to attract those migrants, until the completion of the Dublin main drainage scheme did much to restore the river to its pristine condition.

It is, however, when, in chapter V., we come to the migrations of the herring, that we realise the importance of fish as a food supply. The total take of herrings in the region of the North Sea was in one year over 600,000 tons, valued in the year 1909 at £4,300,000, of which the east coast of England alone, according to the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries returns, netted £1,268,998. The gain to Scotland was little less than the same figure. Yet an incorrect, though apparently satisfactory, view of the migration of this vast host was universally held from the middle of the eighteenth to the middle of the nineteenth century, and, though it is now commonly rejected, "no generally accepted theory has been advanced to replace it." From Professor Meek we may learn all that modern research has brought to light on this interesting and important question. His conclusions have been arrived at mainly by a microscopic study of the scales of the fish, "the number of winter-rings indicating how many winters have passed since the scale was formed."

Next in importance to the herrings are the flat-fish, of which over 500 species are recorded, but the family naturally falls into four tribes—halibut, plaice, turbot, and sole. Then come the *gadidæ* or cod family, including the hake, whiting, and coalfish or pollack; the *scombridæ*—mackerel and tunnies; and the eels, the problem of whose wonderful life history was only settled so late as 1893 by the important discoveries of the Italian naturalists, Grassi and Calandruccio. It is now conclusively established that eels spawn in the deep waters of the ocean, "the fresh-water eels with approaching maturity migrating from the fresh waters of Western Europe and Eastern America far into the Atlantic for the purpose. The eggs give rise to larvæ, and the larvæ drift in the ocean currents towards the coast of the Atlantic, where they change into elvers; the elvers migrate up the rivers, and the eels spend many years feeding and growing until maturity impels them to return to the place of their origin."

We have one omission to chronicle in this volume. We have failed to notice the slightest reference to the fisheries of Ireland. It is true that, despite some fostering care from successive Governments for the past quarter of a century, our fisheries have not reached that stage of development which the abundance of fish around our coasts would amply warrant; but that they should be altogether ignored constitutes a blot on a work otherwise as complete as it is scholarly.

"The Migrations of Fish." By Alexander Meek, M.Sc. London: Arnold. 16/- net.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

We do not know when we have read a more convincing *apologia* for the Church of England than that which is contained in "Our Place in Christendom." The authors are all specialists whose names at once command attention. Dr. Mason contributes a learned survey of unity and authority in the Primitive Church. At the present time, when Russia is our Ally, it is specially interesting to read Dr. Frere's survey of the differences between East and West. Two of the best essays are written by Professor Whitney, who deals with the Mediæval Church in the West, and the Papacy and the Reformation. Both essays could be read with pleasure by any scholarly Roman Catholic. There is no desire to exploit facts in the interest of any particular communion. The footnotes are valuable, putting the reader on the track of some out-of-the-way sources of information. Professor Whitney makes much use of the works of French historians. Dr. Figgis writes with wit and learning in his survey of the Councils and Unity and National Churches. High Churchman though he be, he is not hidebound by tradition. "Above all," he writes, "let us not be tied to the past or afraid of new experiments. The legalist spirit is the bane of true religion, and a stolid adherence to what has been, merely because it has been, is little better." "All things are yours, whether things present or things to come," said St. Paul. Even so strong a believer in tradition as Laud could say: "Tradition is but a lane in the Church; it hath an end not only to receive us in, but another after to let us out into more open and richer ground." The whole note of the two chapters by Dr. Figgis, and indeed the note of the book, is the more open and richer ground which the Church of England can cultivate if she seizes the great opportunity now within her reach.

Dr. Scott Holland analyses the nineteenth century with less than his accustomed insight. Bishop Gore investigates intellectual and moral liberty in the Church. Lastly, Dr. Robinson describes the vocation of the Church of England as he conceives it. Valuable as his thought is, we have no hesitation in saying that the outstanding contributions are those of Professor Whitney and Dr. Figgis.

"Our Place in Christendom." With a Preface by the Bishop of London. London: Longmans, Green, and Co. 3/6.

MUNICIPAL LIFE IN GERMANY.

Mr. W. H. Dawson is a well-known authority on most matters connected with Germany. He published his "Municipal Life and Government in Germany" on the eve of the war. It speaks well for the taste of thoughtful readers to note that it has already reached a second edition. It ought to do so on its merits, which are undoubtedly great. It is satisfactory to know that, in spite of shot and shell, there are not a few readers who wish to see for themselves how the nations they are fighting are governed by their local authorities. "Let us"—these are the measured words of the author—"by all means reject all that is questionable and for us unsuitable in German ideas and institutions, but let us still be willing to learn from them wherever we can do so with profit to ourselves and to those who will come after us. English social workers will not wish to forget, even now, their country's great indebtedness to German example in connection with such institutions as health insurance, labour registries, unemployment insurance, poor relief, town planning, and school doctors." The Romans admitted that it was right to learn from the enemy, and we shall be exceedingly unwise if we do not follow their example.

The following list of subjects will illustrate how widely the writer has cast his net:—Administrative powers, constitution of the town councils, distribution of administrative powers, land policies, the planning of towns and housing policy, public health, trading enterprises, relief of the poor—a particularly lucid chapter—social welfare work, municipal finance, and taxation. Mr. Dawson wisely concludes with a penetrating survey and comparison. In it he is seen at his very best, and his powers of generalisation receive ample exercise. The English system, in his view, is self-government by statutory delegation; the German system might be called self-government by prescriptive right, modified by administrative sanction. Mr. Dawson admits that State supervision is very real in Germany, but he is obviously of opinion that municipal authorities there enjoy a degree of independence which with us is unknown. Germany may be the home of bureaucracy, but such a body as the Local Government Board does not exist.

"Municipal Life and Government in Germany." By W. H. Dawson. London: Longmans, Green, and Co. 7/6.

BULLETS AND BILLETS.

Captain Bruce Bairnsfather's new book, "Bullets and Billets," enriched by his own inimitable illustrations, is a terse record, written by request, of his daily doings in France. We are assured that "not a drawing in this book and not a line of the text have appeared elsewhere," so that we do not find ourselves again confronted by work that newspapers and magazines have made familiar, as is so often the case. Captain Bairnsfather's kindly pictorial wit—which we have learned to know and appreciate—stamps him as one of the optimists of trench-land, where his function was that of machine-gun officer. The book is dedicated to his "old pals, Bill, Bert, and Alf, who have sat in the mud" with him, and there is little doubt that those who had the advantage of his cheery companionship were much to be envied. There is no more valuable comrade in conditions that are well nigh intolerable than one who has received from Heaven the saving grace of humour.

"Bullets and Billets." By Bruce Bairnsfather. London: Grant Richards. 5/- net.

RHYMES OF A RED CROSS MAN.

This excellent little volume is the fruit of Mr. Service's experience at the Western front, where he did duty for a year as chauffeur in the Anglo-American Ambulance Corps. It is by such virile verse as these "Rhymes" that he has become known as the Canadian Kipling. He paints the conditions of warfare with a ruthless, but never inartistic, touch, and bears witness to the large-hearted kindness and simplicity which underlie the outer crust of the fighting man. There was never a more generous foe than Sandy McGraw, whose "wee penny whistle" is the delight of his comrades, and who is detected playing "The Watch on the Rhine" to cheer the last moments of a dying Boche. The author is an adept at skilful combinations of humour and pathos of this kind; but it takes the idealism of the poet, undaunted by stern realities, to produce a lyric like "The Lark":—

> Pure heart of song! do you not know
> That we are making earth a hell?
> Or is it that you try to show
> Life still is joy and all is well?
> Brave little wings! Ah, not in vain
> You beat into that bit of blue:
> Lo! we who pant in war's red rain
> Lift shining eyes, see Heaven too.

"Rhymes of a Red Cross Man." By Robert W. Service. London: Fisher Unwin. 3/6 net.

RHYMES FOR RIPER YEARS.

Mr. Harry Graham, who is now serving his country in a military capacity, devotes his leisure moments to versifying for our profit. In an amusing foreword to his last collection of absurdities he exhorts us to, "for a brief half hour or so, forget the Hun and all his works," and his book should certainly aid us in attaining the desired oblivion. Since the production of "Deportmental Ditties" Mr. Graham is well known as an incorrigible humorist. An undeniable cleverness goes to the making of these droll verses. The illustrations of Miss Norah Brassey faithfully interpret the writer's point of view.

"Rhymes for Riper Years." By Harry Graham. London: Mills and Boon. 3/6 net.

RECENT FICTION.

Mrs. Victor Rickard's tale holds the reader to the last page, although we must say that the doings of that foolish woman, Lady Janover, are really beneath notice. Indeed, save as a foil to these strong men, her husband and her son, she has no business in the story. It is the career of Marcus, the son, which stirs our interest and questionings. An ethical question is presented which is of tragical moment. He, a man of birth and honour, consents, sorely against his will, to become a spy in Germany for his country's sake. He is fully equipped for his part, and he plays it to admiration. His Irish connection allays Teutonic suspicion. He lies, steals documents, sacrifices people who trust him, including his dearest friend—all "for an Empire's destiny." That is his last and only word of self-justification, and the girl he loved accepted it. Nevertheless, he felt all through that the job was a dirty one, and that he was soiled irremediably. Had he lived, even his own countrymen would have looked askance at him, greatly as they were in his debt. It is a moral problem upon which no final judgment can be pronounced. Mrs. Rickard presents it with tragic power, but the solution she is compelled to evade. Probably it was as well for Marcus Janover's happiness that he should end his life as he did. A bullet sent at a venture found him within the British lines among the comrades whom he had served at such great cost.

"The Light Above the Cross Roads." By Mrs. Victor Rickard. Duckworth. 6/-.

"Benoit Castain" reads as if it were a veritable document from life. The author introduces us to Castain, a French artilleryman, one of the wounded in a hospital at Versailles. He tells how he was attracted to this grave, good-looking man, who seemed to have something on his mind; how through sympathy they came to understanding, and reserve was broken down. Then we have Castain's story. He was one of the first to be wounded in the great war, being shot in the leg in a border raid by Uhlans. He was taken into the Château of Offigny, and there tended by Gertrude, daughter of José Archer, the caretaker. This man was really a German agent, but of his villainy Gertrude knew nothing. With her Castain fell deeply in love, and she with him. Then Castain discovered José's treachery, and was at once thrown into that terrible perplexity when duty is countered by love. How in self-defence he killed José, how he yielded to temptation with Gertrude, how she, fleeing with him before the advancing German hordes, met death, and how thereafter his soul was darkened with self-reproach, is a moving story, told with equal art and insight.

"Benoit Castain." By Marcel Prevost. Macmillan. 2/- net.

Patricia Smith, the only daughter of a self-made baronet, who left her a large fortune, was helping to run a girls' hostel in the East End of London, when one night, being caught in a fog, she was rescued by Aylmer Scott, a young writer. As she did not disclose her identity, she was welcomed by Scott and his sister as a working woman. In time the deception became difficult to maintain, and Patricia quite rightly anticipated trouble when her new friends learnt the truth. Aylmer Scott's novels were mostly devoted to exposing the faults of the idle rich, and, although she was outside this category, it was a decided shock for him when he found that she was an extremely wealthy woman. It is the author's function to overcome difficulties of this sort, and Mr. Cobb, being an adept at his craft, gives us a satisfactory and ingenious ending.

"Pat." By Thomas Cobb. Chapman and Hall. 6/-.

Mr. Thorne brings us to the front in his story of to-day, but he tells us that "this is not a book of the war; it watches the pilgrimage of one man's soul." We cannot share the author's evident admiration for his hero, Sebastian Warde. There is nothing in the man sufficiently interesting to reward us for making acquaintance with his "pilgrimage" of sordid selfishness and indulgence. Even his conversion, though certainly needed, is not convincing, and we leave him with a strong suspicion that, in spite of all he saw and did, the leopard is still wearing his spots. Nevertheless, Mr. Thorne is a sincere writer, and evidently anxious to do his best as a propagandist.

"When the Wicked Man." By Guy Thorne. Allen and Unwin. 6/-.

This tale by the authors of that popular story, "The Lightning Conductor," is hardly up to the level of interest of its predecessor. It is not that the authors' skill has failed, for they can tell a story, invent situations, and write letters with as much liveliness and charm as ever. But America is not France. It lacks the romance and glamour of the older country, and it cannot furnish the same delightful "setting" for touring cars and sentiment. Nevertheless, this story of "travels, adventures, and emotions in picturesque America" will find many readers.

"The Lightning Conductress." By C. N. and A. M. Williamson. Methuen. 5/- net.

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The Flaming Sword: In Serbia and Elsewhere. By Mrs. St. Clair Stobart. Illustrated. London: Hodder and Stoughton. 6/- net.
University of Dublin, Trinity College, War List, October, 1916. Dublin: Hodges, Figgis. 1/-.
Britain's Awakening. By A. O. Richardson. London: Palmer Newbould. 2/6 net.
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Tales of Wonder. By Lord Dunsany. London: Elkin Mathews. 5/- net.
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The Irish Times.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1916.

Christmas and Peace.

There is a superficial quality of irony in our Christmas this year. A long sanction of tradition has invested Christmas with the character of the festival of peace; but we find ourselves to-day compelled to close our ears to that appeal. The selection of this season for Germany's overtures for peace, and for President Wilson's intervention in the same cause, was not, we may believe, altogether fortuitous. It was, no doubt, with some idea of invoking that tradition of peace with which Christmas is associated that Berlin and Washington, from widely different motives, have conspired to beset us at this season with the seductive suggestion of peace. The power of suggestion implicit in the festival, the invocation of its vested tradition, will fail to seduce us if we read the lesson of Christmas aright. The quality of irony which seems, as we have said, to haunt and mar our Christmas this year is no more than superficial, because Christmas is the Christian festival of peace, and the Christian concept of peace is not that of a servile peace. The Scriptures themselves warn us against those who cry " peace " where there is no peace. He Who was born into the world on the first Christmas Day, when He gave the benediction of peace, was careful to add, " Not as the world giveth." Here on earth the Gospel in realisation was to bring not peace, but a sword. They pervert the doctrine of the Founder of our faith who would interpret the message of Christmas as the message of peace at any price. It is a message not of a servile peace to be accepted, but of a righteous peace to be won. For a true conception of what Christmas means to us this year we must go deep beneath the surface of things. If we can feel that true peace is only to be won by agony, that our aims are pure and our cause right, that we must needs reject the shadow because the substance to be grasped is worth travail—if we can feel this, we shall have captured the essential spirit of the Christmas peace in this year of war.

We do not seek to emulate the pagan faith of Germany. The Allies do not claim, after the blasphemous fashion of their enemies, any monopoly in the terrific patronage of the God of Battles. They do not conceive themselves to be charged with a Divine mission to be the modern representatives of an Attila, a Scourge of God upon Prussia, to punish her for her iniquities. They base their position upon no more exalted ground than that of the human conception of right and decency in the ordering of international affairs—that conception which has behind it all the sanction of the slow accretion through the centuries of progress in the development of the conscience of nations. That conception is not Divine; it is human; it may be fallible; but at least it was of the essential currency of international thought until Prussia denied and overthrew it. The Allies believe that a universally accepted validity of that conception can alone assure the ordered development of the nations. They believe themselves to be, not, as Prussia presumptuously regards herself, the repositories of Divine inspiration, but at least the guardians of the hope of humanity for its future progress. They hear Mr. Wilson speak in the name of humanity with very different feelings from those with which they hear Prussia speak in that name. But they must reject his proffered mediation, as they reject the overtures of Prussia, for the same reason—that both are vitiated by what must appear to them to be a fundamental fallacy. Prussia's invitation is couched in the terms of a victor, offering to the vanquished the opportunity of making peace. " If the *Entente's* reply," says the *Frankfurter Zeitung*, " contains such conditions for entering negotiations as would imply that Germany is expected to appear as a penitent, it will be clear that they do not honestly want peace." It is with the spirit instinct in that sentence that the Allies' combat is mortal. With such an arrogant assumption we can hold no parley. Prussia's claim at the outset was that might is right. We are further from peace than ever if she is now to present us with the consummation of that doctrine, and to assert that not alone might, but right itself, is on her side.

Such an attitude is the inevitable consequences of the moral perversion which has made Prussia the outlaw of Europe. From her we expect the reassertion of it. We confess to a vast surprise that President Wilson should seek to recommend his offer of mediation for peace to us by an endorsement of this attitude. Mr. Wilson wishes to achieve the formation of a league of nations to ensure peace and justice throughout the world. That is no less the sincere and ardent desire of the Allies. " But," he says, " the war must first be concluded." It must; and if peace and justice throughout the world are to follow upon its conclusion, it is essential to the fulfilment of Mr. Wilson's, and the Allies', hopes that it shall be concluded upon terms which will securely re-establish those sanctions, unchallenged for centuries, upon which peace and justice must repose. It must be concluded upon terms which will unmistakably affix the seal of guilt to Prussia's wanton and lawless invasion of those sanctions—which will make her " appear as a penitent." Of that prime condition of future peace, however, there is no recognition in Mr. Wilson's Note to the Allied Governments. He " takes the liberty "—and we can only describe it as an extraordinary liberty—" of calling attention to the fact that the objects which the statesmen on both sides have in mind in this war are virtually the same, as stated in general terms to their own people and to the world." " Each side," he proceeds to inform us, " desires to make the rights and privileges of weak peoples and small nations as secure against aggression or denial as the rights and privileges of the great and powerful states now at war." Of that " fact " Belgium, Serbia, Montenegro, and Rumania are witnesses so far as Prussia is concerned. A further comment upon the President's Note seems to us, is required than to call attention to that damning sentence. We are desired by the head of the greatest neutral nation, no less than by Prussia herself, to deny our whole moral basis in the war, to regard it as a mere scuffle of international appetites, to admit that no German blood-guiltiness prevents us from grasping in friendship the hands which reek of slaughter and outrage. Mr. Wilson has invoked the Christmas tradition of peace to better purpose than he thought. He has emphasised the true significance of the message of Christmas to us this year—the message that it is not the part of Christian nations to sell their souls for a servile peace.

King Constantine.

Only one course can be safe in our immediate dealings with the King and Government of Greece. The blockade must be maintained until the Greek Army is transferred to a place where it can no longer prove a sudden danger to the Allied forces in Macedonia, and until the transfer has been carried out to the complete satisfaction of the Allied military experts who are checking it. More than this, however, will have to be exacted, and the continuance of the blockade may be necessary in order that the Allies may secure that the part of Greece which still gives allegiance to the Athens Government shall not be used as a hostile base. King Constantine's Government has tried hard to obtain a release of the Allies' grip. In the Note in which it undertook to comply with the Allies' demands as to the transfer of troops and war material it suggested the removal of the blockade in view of its repeated expressions of friendliness and its general promise of reparation for the occurrences of December 1st. A version of those occurrences given in the name of the Greek Premier now suggests that they were extraordinarily accidental. The landing of Allied troops, it is represented, happened to coincide with an anti-Government outbreak in Athens. The Premier is also quoted as urging the public abroad not to believe versions of Greek affairs issued from Salonika. It happens that, on the main points of the story of treachery at Athens, we have no need of evidence from Salonika: the events of December 1st in Athens speak for themselves. The friends of M. Venezelos at Salonika have collected, however, from various sources in Greece pieces of information which seem to make more plain than ever the conspiracy of King Constantine with others against the protecting Powers of Greece. The Venezelos Government is also receiving a quantity of information which shows that Venezelists in Athens and other parts of Old Greece are still subject to harsh treatment—less by the authorities, perhaps, than by those irregular bands, the so-called Reservists, who believe themselves to be doing the will of the King. While, as Lord Robert Cecil stated yesterday, the Government of M. Venezelos is recognised by the Allies, the friends of that Government who remain in Old Greece seem to be liable to charges of sedition. A great deal remains in the situation at Athens to be rectified, and we have had ample evidence in the past year that no means of securing improvement can be trusted to act effectually except the exercise of compulsion. The blockade is the best form of compulsion, because it is calculated to make the population as a whole resent the actions of King and Government which occasion the general inconvenience.

Railway Restrictions.

From the first day of the new year railway travelling will be a very Spartan business in Great Britain. The State controls the railways, and it proposes to apply them to the purposes of the war with a sweeping disregard for the convenience of the individual traveller. The declared object of the new regulations is the curtailment of passenger traffic. This has become necessary for many reasons, including the increasingly large movements of troops and munitions, and the claims of the Director-General of Military Transport on locomotives and railway trucks. The companies have now been authorised to increase passenger fares by one-half, with exceptions in favour of workmen's and season tickets, and to refuse to carry luggage exceeding a total weight of 100lb. *per* passenger. After January 1st the reservation of seats and compartments will be discontinued, the running of sleeping and dining cars will be further curtailed, and the companies will not undertake to give assistance in the handling of passengers' luggage. There will be a considerable reduction of speed with a view to economy in coal, and a great reduction in the number of trains. On the Brighton and South-Coast Railway, for instance, eighteen trains will be cut out of the week-day service. The London and North-Western Company intends to close forty-four passenger stations and halts, and its example will be followed by all the principal lines in England and Scotland. The public, however, will not grumble, for it knows that all this temporary discomfort will be rewarded by the more vigorous prosecution of the war. We need not fear such drastic restrictions in Ireland, where the conditions are quite different; but we must remember always that our railways are now under State control. The Government will not hesitate to interfere with our convenience if the need should arise, and it will not be moved by the sarcasm or pathos of letters in the Press.

Boys' Books.

While the facts of life are more than enough for " grown-ups " in these days, our boys still live in the world of imagination. The publishers realise this truth, and have provided them, in this third year of the war, with the usual supply of Christmas books. They are, of course, books of fighting and other adventure, but we notice an agreeable novelty and freshness in this season's output. The favourite hero of juvenile fiction is the gallant youth, just out of school, who gets the Victoria Cross in one of England's wars. For many years our most recent war was the Indian Mutiny. It did such protracted duty in the books of Mr. Henty and other writers that the youth of men who are only now beginning to be middle-aged was annually nourished on stories of the Mutiny. Stories of young British adventurers in the Franco-German War helped to fill the gap until the late Mr. Kruger furnished a new subject, and since then South Africa, with occasional excursions to the Indian frontier, has kept the boys' writers and artists busy at Christmas-time. To-day they find themselves almost embarrassed by a plethora of new and thrilling material. The greatest war in the world occupies their eager pens, and will occupy them for many years to come. All the young heroes in this year's books for the Christmas season are witnesses so far as Prussia is concerned. A further comment upon the President's Note seems to us, is required than to call attention to that damning sentence. We are desired by the head of the greatest neutral nation, no less than by Prussia herself, to deny our whole moral basis in the war, to regard it as a mere scuffle of international appetites, to admit that no German blood-guiltiness prevents us from grasping in friendship the hands which reek of slaughter and outrage. Mr. Wilson has invoked the Christmas tradition of peace to better purpose than he thought. He has emphasised the true significance of the message of Christmas to us this year—the message that it is not the part of Christian nations to sell their souls for a servile peace.

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SIR EDWARD CARSON'S GREETING TO ULSTER.

In a Christmas greeting to the people of Ulster published in the *Belfast Evening Telegraph*, Sir Edward Carson says:—" I desire to send warm greetings to all Ulster friends at this season. There are many sad homes in Ulster this Christmas, but I know the sorrows and anxieties of a brave and loyal people will be borne with fortitude and determination, in the certain hope of ultimate victory."

Lieutenant-Colonel James Craig, M.P., wrote: " May the new year witness Germany thoroughly beaten and our country more united than ever."

PRIVY COUNCIL AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

The King held a Privy Council at Buckingham Palace yesterday for the prorogation of Parliament and other business.

The Council was particularly interesting as being the first at which Mr. Lloyd George was present in his capacity as Premier.

The King signed a proclamation proroguing Parliament until early in February. His Majesty also signed a proclamation restricting the import of arms and automatic machines, and disposed of other business connected with the war.

THE PRIME MINISTER.

Last night's *Court Circular* announced that at the Council yesterday Mr. Lloyd George took the oaths of offices as First Lord of the Treasury, and subsequently had an audience of the King.

Mrs. Lloyd George and members of her family have gone to Wales for the Christmas, but the Prime Minister, who hopes to get a small Christmas break, will not go far away from London.

COURT CIRCULAR.

VICEREGAL LODGE. FRIDAY.

His Excellency the Lord Lie

FROM "THE TIMES" OF TO-DAY.

(BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH THE PROPRIETORS OF *THE TIMES*.)

MR. WILSON'S MISTAKE.

The Speech from the Throne, says *The Times*, on the prorogation of Parliament, states in simple and dignified language the unalterable resolve of all the sister States of the Empire. That this is the clear and settled purpose of the nation and of the Dominions is proved once again by the pain and resentment aroused in all quarters by Mr. Wilson's unhappy Note. These feelings may be due to misapprehension, and we are disposed to believe that they are due to it, at least in part. But our telegrams, and the extracts we give from a number of leading newspapers, demonstrate that they are unmistakable. We regret and deplore the supine negligence which has made it possible that the masses of a great people, so closely allied to us in mind as the Americans, should not have long since appreciated the true issues at stake in the war. We know that, if these were made plain to them, they would see that the ideals for which we are fighting are America's as well as ours, and that a German victory would be fatal to their survival and their development in the world.

MR. WILSON'S MEANING.

Mr. Edward Price Bell, the London Correspondent of the *Chicago Daily News*, commenting on Mr. Wilson's Note in a letter to *The Times*, explains that the Allies have understood him to say that the combatants are fighting for "virtually the same thing." What he meant to say, I am sure, says Mr. Bell, is that, according to the general affirmations of the statesmen of the combatants, they are fighting for virtually the same thing—a very different statement. I think the President's purpose is absolutely friendly, and wisely friendly to the Allies. I think he honestly is seeking to discover the exact present aims of the belligerents, in order that America may know into which scale to throw her strength, if she must throw it into either. I have not a doubt, proceeds Mr. Bell, that President Wilson would be inexpressibly happy to see America fighting with the Allies against the Central Powers in this war. I believe that President Wilson wants to go to war. I believe he wants to fight Germany, and I believe he wants Germany to commit herself to a programme that would warrant him in asking the American people to enter the conflict.

THE AUSTRIAN CRISIS.

The Times explains the inner meaning of the Austrian political crisis. Germany is attempting to secure without delay the effective annexation of Austria and the control of Hungary. It is this attempt which led to the Austrian Cabinet crisis. From admissions in the Austrian Press it appears that the German design—which includes the formidable economic scheme known as *Mittel Europa*, or "Central Europe"—is so to reconstruct Austria proper as to turn it into a German land, or, in other words, to make 9,000,000 "Austrian-Germans" absolute masters of their 22,000,000 Slav fellow-subjects. It is proposed to eliminate the Polish-Ruthene province of Galicia by giving it a "special status," to re-organise the administrative districts of Bohemia so as to enable the comparatively small German minority to over-power the large Czech majority, to proclaim German as the language of State in Austria. If we are rightly informed, adds *The Times*, an effort will be made to announce these changes at or before the Coronation of the Emperor Charles as King of Hungary at Budapest, which is believed to be impending.

FOOD VALUES.

POTATOES, PEANUTS, AND RICE.

A public lecture on the food values of potatoes, rice, and pea-nuts was given at the National Museum yesterday by Dr. T. Johnson. The lecturer showed that potatoes consisted of three-quarters of water, a fifth starch, and about a fiftieth protein, body renewing matter. By boxing the tubers properly three weeks was saved in raising the crop, and about three tons added to the usual yield of three or four tons to the acre. It was possible, by sowing proper varieties, to get two crops a year, and 100 lbs. of potatoes had been raised from 1 lb. of seed by cutting out the eyes and a portion of the starch and transplanting. His own impression, said the lecturer, was that the potato shortage in Germany was due to diseased tubers having been planted, fulfilling a warning given by Count Arnhein some years ago. One of the worst things was to plant diseased tubers and introduce disease into the ground. It was best to make sure of a good return by using good seeds. The lecturer pointed out how greatly returns were augmented by the use of artificial manures, in addition to farmyard manure. In regard to the food value of the potato, Dr. Johnson said that 6 lbs. or 7 lbs daily would be required, if no other food were eaten, to keep a person doing nothing from starvation. The most valuable part of the potato was the skin, which contained protein matter. Turning to the question of rice, the lecturer said that there were at least 1,100 varieties in India. Half the people of the world lived on rice, which was just as rich a food as wheat, and in British Burma alone three million tons of rice were waiting to be fetched. He advised the purchase of unpolished rice, in which were retained the vitamines, which prevented scurvy, rickets, and such like troubles, and built up the human frame. Rice was twice as rich in food value as potatoes. Pea-nuts, sometimes called "monkey nuts," said the lecturer, were a most valuable food, being rich in protein and oil. They used to be 3d. a lb., and should now be obtained in Dublin at 6d. a lb Weight for weight, pea-nuts gave four times as much energy as beef-steak, and contained three times as much protein.

The audience, after eating some roasted pea-nuts, expressed approval of them as being palatable.

THE MINISTRY OF FOOD.

On Wednesday the Ministry of Food will be established at Grosvenor House, which has been placed at the Government's disposal by the Duke of Westminster. After that date communications should be addressed to the Secretary of the Ministry of Food, Grosvenor House, W.

HIGH PRICES IN CLONMEL.

LETTER FROM THE BOARD OF TRADE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CLONMEL, FRIDAY.

The Secretary of the Board of Trade has written to the Clonmel Foresters' Society in reply to their resolution inviting guidance to combat the increased prices of coal, bread, and milk, stating:—"The price of coal at the pit-mouth is limited by the prices of the Coal Limitation Act, and the inflation of prices in Ireland may be due either to uncontrolled freights or to excessive charges by retail merchants. Irish local authorities have been asked to deal with the latter course, as has been done largely in England by means of voluntary arrangements with coal merchants. In the absence of such arrangements it has not been possible for this Department to deal with the question of freights. I shall be glad if you will furnish particulars of the quantities in which coal is sold at 53s. 4d. per ton; of the kind and quality sold at 1s. for 4lbs.; of the date and amount of the most recent increase in the price of milk, and of the ordinary price of milk in the winter preceding the war."

The Society decided to supply the particulars as requested.

IRELAND AND FOOD PRODUCTION.

Letter from Mr. T. W. Russell, M.P.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—This is no time for controversy, but I must draw your attention to the following matter. In your issue of to-day's date, referring to the initiation of a certain movement for increased agricultural production in Ulster, you say: "The Department refused to associate itself with the scheme, or to give it any financial help, with the result that the necessary capital had to be provided by public subscription." I can only say that you have been entirely misinformed, and that no application was ever made for such help or assistance. I would, therefore, ask you to withdraw the statement in question.—Yours, etc.,

T. W. RUSSELL.

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, Dublin, December 22nd, 1916.

[We learnt from a source which we believed to be trustworthy that the founders of the agricultural experiment in Ulster, under the auspices of Queen's University, Belfast, had sent a deputation to the Department of Agriculture, inviting encouragement and financial help, and that their request had been rejected. We accept at once Mr. Russell's unqualified denial of our statement, and much regret that it was made.—ED. *I.T.*]

WESTERN FIELD OF WAR.

ARTILLERY ACTIVE ON ANCRE.

LIVELY ACTIONS IN VERDUN REGION.

On the British front the enemy bombarded the line south of the Ancre. An attempted raid at the Hohenzollern was repulsed by our troops.

In the Ypres and Messines regions there was considerable artillery activity.

There was a lively action on the French front in the Louvemont district on the right bank of the Meuse. In a series of enterprises at various points the French destroyed enemy posts, and brought in prisoners.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FRANCE, FRIDAY, 10.2 P.M.

Last night the enemy bombarded our front on the south bank of the Ancre. We repulsed an attempted raid opposite the Hohenzollern. During the day there was considerable artillery activity on both sides in the Ypres and Messines areas.

North of the Ancre our artillery dispersed some artillery working parties. Between the Ancre and the Somme our front was shelled intermittently at various points yesterday. During the few bright intervals our aeroplanes successfully operated with our artillery. One of our machines has not returned.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

Yesterday afternoon's Paris *communiqué*:—

There was a rather lively artillery engagement at Louvemont, on the right bank of the Meuse, during part of the night. Everywhere else there was nothing to report.

Last night's *communiqué*:—

During the day there were some lively artillery duels in the region of Hardaumont and of Chambrettes. Several *coups de main* carried out by us to the east of St. Mihiel, in Gerechaunts Wood, at La Chapelotte, north of Celles, and in the Favre valley enabled us to destroy small enemy posts and to bring back prisoners. There was an intermittent cannonade on the rest of the front.

GERMAN OFFICIAL.

Yesterday's Berlin *communiqué*:—

In the neighbourhood of the coast, in the Somme region, and on the eastern bank of the Meuse, artillery activity increased during the course of the afternoon. On the Yser we destroyed a Belgian outpost.

IRISH QUESTIONS.

TEACHERS' BONUS.

In the House of Commons yesterday,

Mr. BYRNE asked the Chief Secretary if he would see that all women teachers, including lay assistants in convent schools, should receive an equivalent to the bonus granted to male teachers, and, as the proposed capitation grant of 4s. per unit of average attendance was not in all cases sufficient to pay recognised convent school assistants this equivalent, will the Treasury increase, where necessary, this grant in order to make up the deficit.

Mr. DUKE said that equal terms had been provided for all the teachers concerned. He could not hold out hope of any further concessions.

THE IRISH PRISONERS.

Mr. BYRNE asked if orders had as yet been issued for the release of the Irish prisoners.

Sir GEORGE CAVE—I beg to refer to the statement made yesterday by my right hon. friend, the Chief Secretary.

Mr. GINNELL—Will the right hon. gentleman say whether the two ladies interned at Aylesbury will be released now?

Sir GEORGE CAVE—I think the statement applies to them. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. BUTCHER—Does it apply to those sentenced by court-martial?

Sir GEORGE CAVE—Oh, no—only to the interned.

MR. GINNELL AGAIN.

Mr. GINNELL asked the Under Secretary for War a question of which he said he had given private notice—viz.: whether the present policy of attempting to force into the British Army men who had borne arms against this country and never renounced their principles, and punishing them in military detention on a dietary of bread and water for disobedience to orders which they never undertook to obey, had the approval of the Government; and whether John Nunan, now being subjected to this treatment had been tried twice in succession by court-martial, and now awaited a third such trial, for disobedience to orders which the military authorities knew in advance that he would never obey, and yet had been determined to impose the death penalty by starvation on this young man for his principles; and would he say how long the policy of successive courts-martial and continuous bread and water was to be continued in this case.

Mr. MACPHERSON said he had received no notice of the question.

Just then the Speaker left the chair, and, as Mr. Macpherson was passing out of the Chamber, Mr. Ginnell approached him, and said, angrily: "You're a liar."

IRISH PRISONERS AT FRONGOCH

THEIR ARRIVAL ANTICIPATED IN DUBLIN.

The announcement made by the Chief Secretary in the House of Commons on Thursday night that the Irish prisoners at Frongoch were about to be released brought crowds of relatives to the North Wall yesterday morning. During the morning the arrival of the steamers of the London and North-Western Railway Company was awaited with interest, and disappointment was felt that none of the prisoners had arrived. Two cargo boats and the ordinary passenger steamer brought many soldiers on leave for Christmas and numerous munition workers. Inquiries at the offices of the London and North-Western Railway Company showed that no information was obtainable regarding the transport of the prisoners, but it was rumoured that the release of a cargo boat at Holyhead might enable the authorities to land the prisoners in Dublin at a late hour last night.

Four of the deportees were amongst the 1,081 passengers who arrived at Kingstown by yesterday morning's mail boat. None are reported to have come by the Leinster, which arrived at the Carlisle Pier yesterday evening.

Over a hundred of the released prisoners from Frongoch Camp are expected to arrive at Kingstown by the mail steamer this morning. They will be despatched on arrival to their homes in the South and West of Ireland. It is understood that few, if any, of these men belong to the City of Dublin. It is expected that a further batch of about fifty of the released men will arrive in Dublin on the North Wall steamer, which is due at about 7 a.m. The latter batch are understood to belong to Dublin and vicinity.

ATHLONE COUNCIL DISAPPOINTED.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ATHLONE, THURSDAY.

At the weekly meeting of the Athlone Town Council a letter was read from the Secretary of the American Embassy in London, returning a resolution passed by the Town Council asking the intervention of the American President on behalf of the Irish prisoners at Frongoch with reference to the treatment to which it was alleged they were subjected. The Ambassador's letter proceeded—"The Ambassador directs me to say he is unable to transmit to his Government requests from public officials in this country unless they are received by His Excellency through the medium of His Majesty's Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to whom you are accordingly referred."

The Chairman—There was not a prospect of dollars in our resolution.

Mr. Keane—If there was you would get a less formal and more sympathetic reply.

The letter was marked "Read."

CLERK OF THE CROWN AND PEACE FOR KERRY.

The Lord Lieutenant has appointed Mr. Eugene Downing to be Crown Solicitor for the County Kerry.

"MATCHLESS IRISH VALOUR."

OUR REGIMENTS ON THE SOMME.

BRITISH GENERAL'S WARM TRIBUTE.

Interviewed in London, where he is now on short leave from the front, a distinguished British general, who has taken a prominent part in the Somme offensive, paid a warm tribute to work of the Irish troops.

"It is a great pity," he said, "that so little is known of the work of the Irish troops over there. I have no hesitation in saying that some of the best work of the Somme offensive and, indeed, of the whole war, has been performed by Irish regiments. The Irish people have, indeed, cause to be proud of the men sent into the fighting line, and, if they knew all that can be said of what has been achieved by matchless Irish valour on the Somme, they would hasten to fill up the gaps in the glorious old regiments out there who have been called on to maintain the fine traditions of a fighting race. I know that repeatedly when our men have found themselves up against difficulties that appeared to be insurmountable the Irish have been called in, and never once have they failed to justify the confidence reposed in them. I will try to tell you something of the work of certain Irish units which have won laurels under my own eyes."

RANGERS' IRRESISTIBLE RUSH.

"One day when one of the most important attacks of the offensive was developing it was held up at a very critical stage by an unforeseen display of strength and vigour on the part of the enemy. It was imperative that our line should be strengthened at that point. The Connaught Rangers, who were in reserve, were ordered up. The task allotted them was heavy enough in all conscience, and might have taxed a whole brigade instead of a single battalion. At the word of command the Rangers went into the thick of it. I have never seen anything finer than their advance. The enemy had opened a terrible barrage fire, and it is no exaggeration to say that one great barrier of steel lay across the line of advance of the Rangers. Yet they never faltered, never hesitated a second, never gave the impression that the task before them was anything out of the common. Even yet I can see them advance calmly through that valley of death. Comrades fell at every step. The fire of the enemy never slackened. The earth was torn and rent to fragments at every turn. The enemy crowded every man and machine gun they could get on to a narrow front to bar the Irish advance. They might as well have tried to throw back the waves of the Atlantic. On, and ever on, swept that irresistible tide of Irish valour. The men were as cool as though they were at the North Pole, though the place was as hot as hell itself. They never wasted a second in useless attempts to return the enemy's fire until they got near enough to do it with effect. Then they halted. Down went the ranks. A word of command rang out. Along the line a sheet of flame tore. Then the Rangers rose up as one man and hurled themselves on the foe. Above the roar of battle could be heard cheers. At the moment when the Rangers reached the enemy parapet the cheers ceased. There was a moment of tense silence. The enemy strove with might and main to throw back the Irishmen. The Rangers held on grimly, and gradually flung the foe back in disorder. Then they took possession of the trench. That was the beginning of a night of terror, out of which Irish valour, and Irish valour alone, brought triumph. The Germans crowded on to this narrow front every man and every gun they could lay hold of. They were bent on smashing our line at all costs. After a terrible deluge of shell fire the enemy hurled their might against the position held by the already sorely tried Rangers. The attack was repulsed after some of the most desperate fighting of the war. Eight times during the night it was repeated. Each time it was smashed by the Rangers. When morning came the immediate vicinity of the position was like a shambles. Dead and dying Germans were scattered all over the place. The Irish were triumphant, and their glorious stand saved our line, and made possible one of the greatest successes of our offensive.

DAUNTLESS DUBLINS.

"Another day the Dublins held the post of honour. They were assailed with great fury by picked troops brought up by the enemy as a forlorn hope, with the idea of delivering a disastrous counter-stroke to our victorious advance. The Dublins were outnumbered by about seven to one. In addition they were subjected to a terrible punishment from enemy artillery concentrated with great strength on a narrow front. For fifteen hours before the first attack there was a ghastly rain of projectiles. The marvel was that human beings could stand such a strain. The Dublins stood it gloriously. The first attack found them more than a match for the Hun hordes. They broke the attack under machine gun and rifle fire. The second attack succeeded temporarily. The Germans forced their way into the trench. Quickly the Dublins rallied, and, under the leadership of one of their most popular officers, since killed, they drove the enemy out by a glorious rush that will be remembered as one of the finest charges of the war. Three more attacks followed. Each one was smashed by the Dublins with bayonet, bomb, or bullet. Finally, the dauntless Dublins left their trenches, met the enemy when they were massing for another attack. Cheering wildly, they crashed into the enemy ranks, and put the Huns to flight. Then they returned to their trenches, and held on until it was possible to make things absolutely secure against all that the enemy could do.

ROYAL IRISH CARRY A VILLAGE.

"The Royal Irish were ordered out against one of the strongly fortified villages, from which repeated attempts had been made to dislodge the enemy. At the start, they came under a very severe enfilading fire, and the enemy likewise made a counter-attack, supported by machine guns and ceaseless spraying of liquid fire. The ordeal of the Irishmen was terrible. They fought their way inch by inch in spite of the great difficulties. With bombs and bayonets, they assailed the Huns and forced back the flame-squirters. After eight hours of ceaseless fighting under terrible conditions they gained the outskirts of the village they had to take. Here they came under heavy artillery fire, and for a time were unable to make headway. They refused to retire in spite of the fact that the order to fall back had actually arrived, as it was believed that the position could not be taken. Seeking what shelter they could find, the Irish held on grimly for three hours. Then, under cover of darkness, and in spite of the terrible strain that had been put on them all through the day, the brave Irishmen advanced once more. They were met with a rain of fire. They took not the slightest heed. They pressed steadily on, forcing the enemy back, and finally fought their way step by step into the centre of the village. Here they encountered fresh German troops being hurried up to strengthen the enemy's lines. Without a moment's hesitation, the battle-weary Irishmen charged the fresh foe, and routed them, though outnumbered by three to one. The fight raged until far into the next day, but the Irish never gave ground, in spite of all the efforts of the enemy, and finally had the whole village in their hands.

AMAZING MUNSTERS.

"The Munsters have an amazing record, and that record has lost none of its splendour during the present war. Twice during the Somme offensive the enemy were foolish enough to meet our troops in the open. Once it was the Munster Fusiliers they selected for this exhibition of folly. It was a brand new battalion of crack troops brought down from a rest camp that faced the Irishmen. The Munsters were advancing against a second line of trenches after having cleared the first. There had been hours of hard fighting, and the Munsters might with justice have claimed that they were not a match for fresh German troops of the Guard twice their strength. That is not the Irish way of doing things. As soon as the advancing foe were seen, the Munsters fixed bayonets and threw themselves at the enemy. In a few minutes the field was occupied by a confused mass of struggling humanity. The Irish plied their bayonets vigorously. The Germans fought with desperate valour under the eyes of a Royal leader. The Irish put them to route in less than an hour."

THE MILITARY CROSS.

Captain Walter E. Adam, M.D., R.A.M.C., who has been awarded the Military Cross, is a son of Mr. James Adam, of 17 Merrion row, Dublin, and Orwell Bank, Rathgar. Captain Adam is a graduate of Dublin University and an Old Boy of St. Andrew's College, St. Stephen's Green.

ARKLOW MAN WINS DOUBLE HONOURS.

Lieutenant Thomas Hoey, a gallant soldier of the Canadian Forces, has succeeded in winning the Distinguished Conduct Medal while a non-commissioned officer and the Military Cross as a commissioned officer. Lieutenant Hoey, who is a native of Arklow, served for nineteen years in the Royal Irish Rifles; went to Toronto, and there subsequently enlisted. While Company Sergeant-Major in a Canadian battalion last August he won the D.C.M. by his gallantry in rescuing a party of buried men, and by his repairing, under heavy fire, of a demolished trench. A month later he was promoted to a commission and shortly after getting it he won the Military Cross as leader of a bombing party. With "great courage and determination," his conduct enabled his battalion to hold its left flank. He was wounded later on, but refused to leave the trench.

SHARP FIGHTING IN DOBRUDJA.

RUSSIANS RETIRE UNDER PRESSURE.

BULGARIAN TROOPS FORCED INTO LAKE.

There has been considerable fighting in the Dobrudja area. The Russian communiqué reports a retirement northwards under superior enemy forces, and also a successful engagement with Bulgarian forces in the region of Lake Babadag, where the enemy forces were thrown into the lake, and many of them drowned.

The German report claims progress in the Dobrudja and the capture of 900 Russian prisoners.

Yesterday's Petrograd *communiqué*:—

Rumanian Front—In the Dobrudja the enemy, with superior forces, attacked our detachments along the whole front. After a stubborn resistance our detachments commenced to retire northwards. By a daring attack of one of our regiments, the Bulgarians, who advanced east of Lake Babadag from the village of Ennisal, were thrown into Lake Babadag. The greater part of them were drowned; 115 were taken prisoners. In the Black Sea we have sunk two Turkish motor gunboats.

Yesterday's Berlin *communiqué*:—

Front of General Colonel Archduke Joseph.—A night attack on the enemy on the Casolemer, north of the Trotusul valley, failed.

Army Group of General Field-Marshal von Mackensen.—In Greater Wallachia the situation has not changed. The Dobrudja Army made progress, and captured 900 Russian prisoners.

Yesterday's Vienna *communiqué*:—

Army Group of Marshal von Mackensen—In the Eastern Wallachian Mountains there has been increased artillery activity.

Army Front of Archduke Joseph—The Russians yesterday again attempted the capture of a vantage point near Mestianesti. Five assaults, accompanied by strong artillery fire, failed, owing to the tenacious resistance of the brave Austrian Landsturm and Gendarmery Regiment.

Yesterday's Vienna *communiqué*:—

Army Group of Field-Marshal von Mackensen.—There are no important events to report.

Army Front of Archduke Joseph.—On both sides of Trotus Valley enemy operations were unsuccessful.

Yesterday's Bulgarian *communiqué*:—

On the whole of the Rumanian and Dobrudja fronts there were engagements between scouting parties.

OIL WELLS DESTROYED.

(PRESS ASSOCIATION WAR SPECIAL.)

The Secretary of the War Office announces:—A satisfactory report has been received from the British Military Mission in Rumania of the destruction, under order of the Rumanian Government, of the oil wells and refineries in and near the principal oilfields.

OBITUARY.

MR. WILLIAM EDWARD PEEBLES.

We announce with regret the death of Mr. William Edward Peebles, which occurred on Thursday at his residence, 9 North Frederick street, Dublin. Mr. Peebles was a well-known and much respected citizen. He was called to the Bar early in life, but, being a gentleman of independent means, his time was more devoted to other interests than to the practice of his profession. Sports of various kinds found in him an enthusiastic supporter. He excelled as a player of lawn tennis, having won in his day, after keen competition, the All-Ireland Championship, and was a fearless rider in the hunting field. Shooting, at which he was an adept, had also an attraction for him, and as an angler he was frequently observed whipping the rivers and streams in different parts of Ireland. But he was chiefly interested in the Royal Zoological Society of Ireland, of which he was a life member, one of its permanent Vice-Presidents, and last year was honoured by being elected its President. He had a taste for curios, and his collection of rare articles of the kind was among the best in Dublin. He represented a North of Ireland family which settled down in Dublin many years ago, and his business was transacted through one of the Ulster banks, the Northern, of which he was a member of the Shareholders' Committee. Although he avoided interference in public with reference to the public questions which agitated his time, he was a familiar figure in the city, and his death will be deeply regretted by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

MR. JAMES J. O'KELLY, M.P.

The death took place yesterday in London of Mr. James J. O'Kelly, member of Parliament for North Roscommon. Mr. O'Kelly, who was 73 years of age, had been in poor health for a considerable time. Mr. O'Kelly, who was born in Roscommon, was educated at Dublin University and the Sorbonne, and had an eventful career. He was a journalist, an author, a playwright, an inventor, a politician, and, before all, a soldier. He was an accomplished linguist and a wide traveller. He spoke French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, and Arabic. He travelled through both the Americas and into Canada; he visited Australia, passed through the several States and Colonies of South Africa, and lived a considerable time in Algeria and Egypt. He served in the Maximilian affair in Mexico, and was wounded and a prisoner, but escaped, and, after an adventurous journey, finally reached New York. At the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian War he joined the French Army, and served during the campaign. His next exploit was as war correspondent for the *New York Herald* in the Cuban rebellion, where he had many narrow escapes. He accompanied the expedition against the Redskins, which ended in the massacre of Custer and his men. He was with the further expedition which accomplished the conquest of the Sioux Indians. On this expedition at dinner one day on a river steamer a bullet struck his plate and rebounded over his shoulder. Deputed as a journalist to follow the American tour of the Emperor and Empress of Brazil, Mr. O'Kelly signalised the beginning of his task by saving the Empress's life in an accident on shipboard. He became the Emperor's friend, with the result that the tour was virtually conducted by Mr. O'Kelly, who retained the Emperor's friendship in all vicissitudes until the end of his life. Mr. O'Kelly was returned to Parliament for Roscommon in 1880. During the Nationalist crisis of the early nineties he was one of the most earnest supporters of Mr. Parnell.

DR. CHARLES RUSSELL.

Dr. Charles Russell, for twenty years editor of the *Glasgow Herald*, who lately retired, died in Glasgow yesterday. In May, 1902, Dr. Russell was elected a member of the Committee of Management of the Press Association. In June, 1905, he was elected Chairman of the Press Association, and upon his retirement by rotation from the Committee of Management he was elected in 1907 to the Consultative Board of the Press Association. The deceased was a former President of the Institute of Journalists.

MR. HARRY H. MARKS.

Mr. Harry H. Marks, editor and chief proprietor of the *Financial News*, died on Thursday night in London. Born in 1855, he had represented the St. George's Division of the Tower Hamlets and the Isle of Thanet Division, Kent, in Parliament as a Conservative.

REV. C. RYAN.

The death has taken place in an hospital, following an operation, of the Rev. C. Ryan, Roman Catholic Curate at Drangan for twenty-three years. He was a native of Murroe and a cousin of Archbishop Harty.

SIR FREDERICK H. ASHMAN.

The death took place yesterday at Weston-super-Mare of Sir Frederick Herbert Ashman, second Baronet, aged 41. His father was the first Lord Mayor of Bristol. Sir Frederick leaves no children, and the Baronetcy dies with him.

ANOTHER TRANSATLANTIC FLIGHT SCHEME.

NEWFOUNDLAND TO THE IRISH COAST.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

NEW YORK, DEC. 6.

A Transatlantic flight in an aeroplane carrying four men is shortly to be attempted by Lieutenant Kijil Nyegaeard, a Norwegian, said to be recently of the French Flying Corps, and Captain Hugo Sundstedt, formerly of the Swedish Navy. Both have arrived here, and say they propose to start their flight across the ocean early in the spring, going first from New York to St. John's, Newfoundland, and thence to some point on the West coast of Ireland. They expect, they say, to use a machine weighing ten tons, but have not yet selected the type they will employ, intending to look carefully over all American models.

OPERATIONS IN MESOPOTAMIA.

IMPORTANT BRITISH ADVANCE.

CLOSE TO KUT EL AMARA.

Mr. Edmund Candler, representative of the British Press with the Expeditionary Force in Mesopotamia, cables from the banks of the Shatt-al-Hai, near Kut, December 17, *via* Basra, December 18:—

We advanced on the night of the 13th to the Shatt-al-Hai, the cavalry crossing at Sasruointeh, and the infantry further up stream at three fords in the neighbourhood of Atab. The night march across a perfectly flat country, with no landmarks, was carried out smoothly and without a hitch. The infantry and cavalry reached their objective at the exact time. The infantry crossed at 5.35 and the cavalry at dawn on the morning of the 14th. Within an hour our pioneers were building up ramps, and two pontoon bridges were thrown across, while enemy outposts were brushed away.

The Hai is a hidden river bordered by low scrubbs. It is nearly stagnant now, and in places dry. The fords are numerous, but treacherous. One or two transport carts were caught in the quicksands. The water was only six inches deep where we crossed. The cavalry after crossing swept the west bank of the river clear of the enemy as far as Kala Haji Pasan, on the Shatt-al-Hai, within two miles of the Tigris. The Turks held this position until our cavalry were within two hundred yards, but they were driven out of their trenches.

Our infantry on the east bank were thus protected from an enfilade fire, and they advanced and consolidated the ground gained. The main body of cavalry then rushed on to the Humran Bridge, on the Tigris, nine miles up stream from Kut. The advanced patrols reached a point within three hundred yards of the bridge.

Our casualties during the day were inconsiderable. On the night of the 14th-15th our aeroplanes flew over Kut by moonlight, and dropped bombs on the enemy's bridge as it was being towed up stream in sections. Pontoons were cast adrift and scattered, and during the next day the Turks were unable to transport troops across the river except by ferrying. Throughout the operations our Flying Corps have put in excellent work in reconnaissance and gun marking, and have engaged and driven back hostile aeroplanes. One of our machines, hit by a bullet, which broke a strut, descended between our cavalry and the Shumran bridge-head, and was shelled by the guns. It had just been engaged in observing. The aviators escaped unhurt, and the machine was brought in without injury.

On the 15th we advanced up the Shatt-al-Hai and to within three-quarters of a mile of the Tigris, south-east of Kut, and now occupy a line astride the Hai. This objective has been gained very cheaply, a large proportion of the casualties being only slightly wounded.

On the 16th we pushed forward our outposts 2,000 yards west of the Hai. In the morning a considerable force of Turkish irregulars was observed advancing on this bank from a south-easterly direction. One body of them came from hidden trenches, and were scattered by machine gun fire. The force retired when they saw our infantry advancing.

The troops are in good spirits to be on the move again, after a long summer and autumn halt. Our advance over the Hai had carried us seven miles beyond the farthest outpost we held at Iman Ali Mansur, and we are now able to observe Kut from the west, and watch the people gazing at us from their roofs.

The town, seen from our camp, less than three miles distance, has a compact and solid appearance, like Bluff Rock in the sea. White houses against dark backgrounds of palms resemble scarred chalk cliffs, and the one tall minaret, standing out like a lighthouse, completes the illusion. We could reduce the place to a heap of mud bricks if we liked. The weather has been most favourable for operations. The sun is strong at mid-day, the nights keen, with slight hoar frost. The heavy rain which fell all day on the 7th, though impeding movements at the time, has proved most opportune—a welcome interval between mud and dust. The ground is dry and hard, thus facilitating the work of transport.

TURKS CLAIM REPULSE OF OUR TROOPS.

Yesterday's Turkish *communiqué*:—

On the Tigris front yesterday we repulsed by our fire enemy cavalry, which tried to advance towards Kut el Amara.

HONOURS AND PROMOTIONS.

A supplement to last night's *London Gazette* states that the King has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following promotions in, and appointments to, the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, for services rendered in connection with military operations in the field in Mesopotamia. The promotions and appointments to date from 3rd June, 1916:—

ORDER OF THE BATH.

To be additional members of the Military Division of the Second Class, or Knights Commanders, of the said Most Honourable Order:—

Keary, Maj.-Gen. H. D'U., C.B., D.S.O., Ind. Army.
Egerton, Maj.-Gen. R. G., C.B., Ind. Army.
Brooking, Col (temp. Maj.-Gen.) H. T., C.B., Ind. Army.
Maude, Maj.-Gen. (temp. Lt.-Gen.) F. S., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

To be additional members of the Military Division of the Third Class, or Companions, of the said Most Honourable Order:—

Cowper, Maj.-Gen. M., C.I.E., (Col. Duke of Cambridge's Own Lancers), Ind. Army.
Stephen, Col. R. C.
Christian, Col. (temp. Brig.-Gen.) G., D.S.O.
Swiney, Col. (temp. Brig.-Gen.) A. J. H.
Norie, Lt.-Col. and Bt.-Col. (temp. Brig.-Gen.) C. E. de M., D.S.O., Ind. Army.
Peebles, Col. (temp. Brig.-Gen.) E. C., D.S.O., Norf. R.
Irvine, Lt.-Col. G. B., Ind. Med. Ser.
Lewin, Lt.-Col. (temp. Brig.-Gen.) A. C., C.M.G., D.S.O., Capt., ret. pay, Conn. Rang., Spec. Res.
Fraser, Lt.-Col. T., C.M.G., R.E.

ORDER OF THE STAR OF INDIA.

To be additional Companions:—

Money, Maj.-Gen. A. W., C.B.
Gordon, Col. (temp. Maj.-Gen.) L. A. C., C.B., R.A.
Chalmers, T. A., Esq.

ORDER OF ST. MICHAEL AND ST. GEORGE.

To be additional members of the Third Class, or Companions:—

Huddleston, Comdr. W. B., R. Ind. Marine.
Tate, Col. A. E., Army. Med. Serv.
Cayley, Col. (temp. Maj.-Gen.) W. de S., C.B.
Fraser, Col. G S., Mahratta L.I., Ind. Army.
O'Dowda, Lt.-Col. and Bt.-Col. (temp. Brig.-Gen.) J. W., R. Dub. Fus.
Creagh, Lt.-Col. A. H. D., M.V.O., Pioneers, Ind. Army.
Campbell, Lt.-Col. (temp. Brig.-Gen.) L. W. Y., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
McCrea, Lt.-Col. A. C., Dogras, Ind. Army.
Douglas, Lt.-Col. (temp. Col.) A. P., R.A.
Tomkins, Lt.-Col. H. L., D.S.O., Ind. Army.

ORDER OF THE INDIAN EMPIRE.

To be additional Companions:—

Boxwell, Capt. (temp. Maj.) A., 119th Infantry.
Radcliffe, Lt.-Col. N. R., D.S.O., 1/6th Devonshire Regt. (T.F.)
Gilliat, Maj. W., Ind. Med. Serv.
Power, G. B., Esq., Ind. Telegraph Dept.

HONOURS AND REWARDS.

To be Major-General:—

Rimington, Col. (temp. Maj.-Gen.) J. C., C.B.

To be Brevet Colonels:—

Anderson, Lt.-Col. W. C., C.M.G., Ind. Army.
Boome, Lt.-Col. E. H., Grenadiers, Ind. Army.
Browne, Maj. and Bt. Lt.-Col. (temp. Brig.-Gen.) H. J. P., Gurkha Rifles.
Carey, Lt.-Col. O. W., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Collins, Lt.-Col. (temp. Col.) D. J., M.D., R.A.M.C.
Davies, Lt.-Col. (temp. Brig.-Gen.) C. H., D.S.O., Sikhs, Ind. Army.
Davidson, Lt.-Col. (temp. Brig.-Gen.) S. R., Sikhs, Ind. Army.
Elsmie, Lt.-Col. (temp. Brig.-Gen.) A. M. S., C.M.G., Ind. Army.
Fulton, Lt.-Col. (temp. Col.) F. C. R., S. and T.C., Ind. Army.
Gunning, Lt.-Col. O. G., C.M.G., Sikhs, Ind. Army.
Hopwood, Maj. and Bt. Lt.-Col. H. R., Cav., Ind. Army.
Leslie, Lt.-Col. G. A. J., C.M.G., R.E.
Lindsay, Lt.-Col. (temp. Col.) H. A. P., C.M.G., S. and T.C., Ind. Army.
Murray, Lt.-Col. S. J., Conn. Rang.
Musgrave, Lt.-Col. (temp. Brig.-Gen.) A. D., R.A.
Ogilvie, Lt.-Col. E. C., R.E.
Pirrie, Lt.-Col. F. W., Survey Dept., Ind. Army.
Rattray, Lt.-Col. (temp. Brig.-Gen.) C., Ind. Army.
Sheppard, Lt.-Col. (temp. Col.) G. S., C.M.G., Ind. Army.
Thomson, Maj. and Bt. Lt.-Col. (temp. Brig.-Gen.) W. M., M.C., Sea. Highrs.
Walton, Lt.-Col. (temp. Brig.-Gen.) L. B., Ind. Army.
Wauchope, Maj. and Bt. Lt.-Col. (temp. Lt.-Col.) A. G., D.S.O., R. Highrs.
Younghusband, Lt.-Col. L. N., Ind. Army.

To be Brevet Lieutenant-Colonels:—

Andrus, Maj. (temp. Brig.-Gen.) T. A., C.M.G., N. Staff. Regt.
Anthony, Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) W. S., Army Vety. Corps.
Beddy, Maj. P. L., Sikhs, Ind. Army.

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THE AMERICAN PEACE NOTE.

MIXED RECEPTION.

COMMENTS OF THE DUTCH PRESS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

TORONTO, THURSDAY.

The Press and public here condemn as inopportune, and in some instances impertinent, President Wilson's peace move.

The *Toronto Telegram* sarcastically remarks:—This war will be settled by the nations which carry guns, and not by one which simply uses a typewriter to defend the liberties of the world.

The *Toronto Star* says it is quite possible that President Wilson has, under cover, been bringing great pressure to bear on Germany which the world does not know about.

DUTCH PRESS VIEWS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

AMSTERDAM, FRIDAY.

The *Handelsblad* says that President Wilson's Note cannot be treated with contempt, because it is meant seriously and is an absolutely honest effort to restore peace.

The *Nieuws Van Den Dag* considers that, in view of all that has happened since December 12th, President Wilson can hardly experience disappointment at the opinions expressed by the British Press in regard to his Note. It hopes and believes, however, that he is conscious of possessing the means of overcoming this opposition and carrying his wishes into effect.

The *Tyd* says that President Wilson's attitude is definite and correct, and welcomes his Note.

The *Telegraaf* says:—One need not immediately think the worst of his intentions, but how clumsy is the form. If this Note had been drawn up by the German Government itself, it could hardly have shown a greater lack of the most elementary conception of tact. For President Wilson there is not the slightest difference between Germany who destroyed Belgium and England who drew the sword to redeem Belgium. The paper concludes that it now looks, as if by his incomprehensible clumsiness President Wilson has spoiled the cause of peace for good.

GERMANY AND PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

AMSTERDAM, FRIDAY.

The *Frankfurter Zeitung* says there is nothing to prevent Mr. Lloyd George's demand for reparation, restitution, and guarantees against repetition being made at the actual negotiations. It declares that Mr. Lloyd George appears to be afraid of oral negotiations because he does not trust in the steadfastness of the *Entente*. It goes on to say that if the *Entente* Powers' reply to the German Note contains such conditions for entering into peace negotiations as would imply that Germany was expected to appear as a penitent, then it will be clear that the *Entente* Powers do not honestly want peace.

NOTE RECEIVED IN BERLIN.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

AMSTERDAM, FRIDAY.

A Berlin telegram says that President Wilson's Note to the belligerents was handed to the German Foreign Office yesterday evening by the *Chargé d'Affaires* of the American Embassy.

STATEMENT BY MR. BONAR LAW.

In the House of Commons yesterday,

Mr. BONAR LAW, replying to a question by Sir William Byles, asking whether a statement would be made with reference to President Wilson's Note, said—It is obvious to the House that this is a question which cannot be dealt with except in consultation with our Allies. It is absolutely impossible to make any statement now.

"NO KNUCKLING DOWN."

Mr. Massey, Premier of New Zealand, and Sir Joseph Ward, Finance Minister, yesterday received in London a deputation from leading commercial men of the Empire to protest against the imposition of a double income tax upon profits obtained by commercial men in Great Britain trading with the Colonies.

At the end of the speech replying to the deputation, Sir Joseph Ward said—I hope, in conclusion, that I may be permitted to say, and that you, gentlemen, representing influential people, will allow me to say, there should be no such thing as a misguided expression of opinion in regard to the war, that we should not allow any suggestion emanating from a great outside country, any suggestion that we should knuckle down before this war is over. (Cheers.) I am certain that New Zealand will stand shoulder to shoulder with the mother country until we have carried out the purposes of this war. (Loud cheers.)

NEW ZEALAND PREMIER'S REPLY TO MR. WILSON.

Opening a new club hut at the New Zealand Convalescent Camp at Hornchurch yesterday, Mr. Massey, Prime Minister of New Zealand, made the following reference to President Wilson's Note:—I cannot speak with any authority on this subject, but I would like to see after what has taken place the President of the United States told firmly that as we had carried on this war without his assistance, so we intend to carry it on to the end, and that we neither want nor will tolerate any interference from him.

ROYAL DUBLIN SOCIETY.

BULL SHOW IN APRIL.

A special meeting of the Council of the Royal Dublin Society was held in the Council Chamber, Leinster House, on Thursday—the Right Hon. Lord Rathdonnell, H.M.L., President, in the chair, and there were also present:—

Sir Walter Boyd, Bart., LL.D., Professor John Joly, D.Sc., F.R.S., and the Right Hon. Frederick Wrench, J.P., Vice-Presidents; Sir Joseph McGrath, LL.D., Hon. Secretary; Professor James Wilson, M.A., B.Sc.; Bertram H. Barton, D.L.; Francis A. Shore, J.P.; L. E. Steele, M.A.; T. C. Townshend, James Robertson, J.P.; Sir John Purser Griffith, M.A.I.; R. F. Scharff, B.Sc.; Professor N. H. Dixon, F.R.S.; Professor E. J. McWeeney, M.D.; Marcus Goodbody, J.P.; Sir Lambert H. Ormsby, M.D.; Sir Henry A. Blake, G.C.M.G.; Samuel Geoghegan, C.E.; Sir John C. Kennedy, Bart., D.L.; Captain J. H. Greer, Richard J. Moss, F.I.C., Registrar; and Robert Bruce, Agricultural Superintendent.

The report of the War Emergency Committee was amended and adopted.

The following report of a sub-committee of the Committee of Agriculture on the question of holding a show and sale of bulls early in April was adopted:—

That in view of recent developments, which include much restricted railway facilities in Great Britain and Ireland, the Committee is of opinion that a general Spring Show cannot be held in 1917, but they feel that the condition of the cattle breeding industry of the country demands that an auction sale and show of pedigree bulls, with a liberal prize list, be held by the Royal Dublin Society in Dublin early in April. As the Society's premises at Ballsbridge will not be available, the Committee recommends that the show and sale be held on the grounds of the Irish Rugby Football Union at Lansdowne road on the 10th and 11th of April, 1917, and that a sum not exceeding £400 be offered in prizes. It is estimated that the holding of the sale will involve a loss to the Society of about £1,000.

The Standing Orders having been suspended, it was resolved that, subject to the report of the Finance Committee, a sum not exceeding £400 be voted for prizes at the proposed show and sale of bulls in April next, and that a tender for the erection of the necessary cattle shedding and fixtures be accepted.

TWO AVIATORS KILLED.

Two members of the Royal Flying Corps, Flight Second Lieutenant P. A. Wright and Second Lieutenant Frank Leslie Garner, acting as observer, were killed on Wednesday. While flying in a biplane they saw another machine in a field, and decided to descend to see if assistance was required. The engine stopped, and the machine nosed down from a height of 400 feet. Garner was killed immediately, the engine falling on him, and the machine taking fire. Wright was terribly injured, and was removed to a local hospital, and afterwards to a hospital at Birmingham, where he died. At an inquest on Lieutenant Garner yesterday a verdict of accidental death was returned.

NEW DEPUTY LIEUTENANT FOR COUNTY ANTRIM.

Lord Massereene and Ferrard has appointed Mr. Ronald J. McNeill, M.P., of Cushendun, Co. Antrim, a Deputy Lieutenant for Co. Antrim.

GERMAN MAILS BY U BOAT SERVICE.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

AMSTERDAM, FRIDAY.

A Berlin telegram states that the ordinary mail to the United States and to neutral countries, via the United States, can shortly be forwarded by commercial submarine, and that the dates of sailings will be officially announced.

PARLIAMENT.

THE PROROGATION.

CHARGES AGAINST MILITARY OFFICERS.

RESULTS OF THE INQUIRY.

In the House of Lords yesterday, the Royal Assent was given to a number of Acts, by Commission, after which the Lord Chancellor read the King's Speech proroguing Parliament. (The text of the King's Speech will be found in another column.)

In the House of Commons, Mr. Macpherson announced that the findings of the Committee of Inquiry under the Army Act Amendment Act in regard to certain charges would be published forthwith. Lord Derby had congratulated Second Lieutenant Barrett on his complete vindication. Colonel Delme Radcliffe had been removed from the command of his battalion, and Sir John Cowans had been censured, but his services had been retained.

HOUSE OF LORDS—Friday.

The LORD CHANCELLOR took his seat upon the woolsack at noon.

The Commons' amendments to the Lords' amendments to the Defence of the Realm (Acquisition of Land) Bill were considered and agreed to.

The War Loan Bill, the Government War Obligations Bill, and the Consolidated Fund (Appropriation) Bill were passed through all their stages.

The Commons' amendments to the Ministry of Pensions Bill were considered and agreed to.

At two o'clock there was a Royal Commission, when His Majesty's assent was signified to the Consolidation Fund (Appropriation) Act, the Ministry of Pensions Act, the War Loans Act, the Government War Obligations Act, the Defence of the Realm (Acquisition of Land) Act, the Dublin Reconstruction (Emergency Provisions) Act, the Constabulary and Police (Ireland) Act, the Sailors and Soldiers (Gifts for Land Settlement) Act, the Munitions (Liability for Explosions) Act, the Prevention of Corruption Act, the New Ministries and Secretaries Act, the Registration of Business Names Act, the Volunteer Act, and other Acts.

The Lords Commissioners were the Lord Chancellor, the Earl of Chesterfield, and Lords Sandhurst, Colebrooke, and Southwark.

The Lord Chancellor then read the King's Speech (the text of which is printed in another column), and Parliament was formally prorogued till Wednesday, February 7th.

HOUSE OF COMMONS—Friday.

The SPEAKER took the chair at noon.

NEW WRITS.

The following new writs were issued:—St. Andrews and Edinburgh Universities, vacant by the promotion of Sir Robert Finlay to the Lord Chancellorship; Derby Borough, vacant by the elevation of Sir Thomas Roe to the Peerage; Inverness-shire, vacant by the elevation of Sir John Dewar to the Peerage; Tower Hamlets, Whitechapel, vacant by the resignation of Sir Stuart Samuel.

RUMANIAN GRAIN.

Mr. HOUSTON, in putting a question in regard to the Rumanian grain, asked whether it was true, as the Kaiser had said, that German troops were now being fed on grain bought by Great Britain.

Lord ROBERT CECIL said that he had already intimated that it was undesirable to ask for an answer to that question.

RAILWAY FARES.

Mr. G. ROBERTS informed Mr. Hogge that the question of the raising of railway fares for those who were compelled to travel for business purposes was receiving careful consideration.

THE NEW GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

Mr. BONAR LAW informed Mr. Hogge that he hoped to announce the name of the new President of the Air Board next week. Arrangements for the constitution of the post of Director of National Resources had not yet been completed, but the new Director would not be a member of the Government. It had not yet been decided whether there would be a new Under Secretary to the Board of Trade.

"FALSE INFORMATION."

Mr. MACPHERSON, replying to a question by Mr. Snowden, asking whether four conscientious objectors in the non-combatant corps had been killed when working between the German and British lines, said that, so far, only three deaths had been reported in the non-combatant corps, only one of which occurred about, and not in, the fighting line. He could not help thinking that the hon. gentleman had been given false information.

WAR OFFICE INQUIRY.

Mr. R. M'NEILL asked the Under Secretary for War whether he was in a position to make any statement in regard to the publication of the reports of the Committee of Inquiry under the Army Act Amendment Act.

Mr. MACPHERSON said that the findings of the Committee of Inquiry would be published forthwith. In the meantime, the Secretary for War thought the House might desire to know what action was proposed to be taken in the matter. With regard to Second Lieutenant Barret, Lord Derby congratulated that officer on his complete vindication—(hear, hear)—and he deplored the illness to which his mental anxiety had contributed so much, and hoped he might be speedily restored to health, and have a long and useful career as a soldier in front of him. (Hear, hear.) In regard to General Owen Thomas, he expressed to that officer his hope that he would recognise that the action taken in his case was due entirely to military requirements, and not to any undue influence. He would take this opportunity of thanking that gallant officer for the great services he had rendered in recruiting for the Welsh regiments. With regard to the lady who was implicated in the case, she was outside the jurisdiction of military control, and Lord Derby felt that he could not do better than leave the verdict of the Court of Inquiry to stand for itself. Sir Henry Mackinnon, an old and very distinguished soldier, had now retired under the age clause, and no action, even if asked for in his case, was either possible or desirable. He was pleased, however, to add that the Court very explicitly said he was actuated by good intentions. Colonel Delme Radcliffe, whose conduct was seriously impugned, had been removed from the command of his battalion. In the case of Sir John Cowans, who had placed himself unreservedly in the Secretary of State's hands, Lord Derby felt that this was not the moment when the best interests of the country would be served by not continuing to avail himself of his services. The feeding of men and horses and the equipment of new vast armies had been in Sir John Cowans's hands since the commencement of the war, and had been carried out with unparalleled success. Under these circumstances Lord Derby felt that the best interests of the Army and the nation would be served by informing Sir John Cowans of the displeasure of the Government at his action, while at the same time retaining him at present in the position of Quartermaster-General.

At 2 o'clock the House re-assembled, with the Speaker in the chair. A few minutes later Black Rod (Admiral Sir H. Stephenson) summoned the hon. members to the Upper House to hear the commission read giving the Royal assent to the bills agreed upon by both Houses of Parliament, and the King's Speech proroguing Parliament.

At twenty minutes past two the Speaker returned, and rising at the Clerk's table said—I have to report that this House has been to the House of Peers, where the Commission under the Great Seal was read, giving the Royal assent to the War Loan Act and other Acts. I have also to report that His Majesty's gracious Speech was read by the Lord Chancellor, of which, for greater accuracy, I have obtained a copy.

The Speaker then read the King's Speech, and said—I have also to add that Parliament had been prorogued until Wednesday, the 7th February.

The session thus came to an end, and Mr. Bonar Law and the other members present filed past and shook hands with the Speaker.

BLOW TO THE TURKS.

BRITISH CAPTURE EL ARISH.

The Secretary of the War Office makes the following announcement:—

The Egyptian town of El Arish has been occupied by our troops after being for two years in the hands of the enemy.

From the fact that they had constructed a very strong trench position at Masaid, covering El Arish, it appeared that the enemy had every intention of offering a stubborn resistance.

It would seem, however, that the rapidity of our advance completely upset their calculations and forestalled the arrival of their reinforcements.

They abandoned their positions before touch with their outposts was established.

The recapture of this town is a serious blow for the Turks, both from the moral and the military point of view.

The Derby Liberal Eight Hundred last night adopted Sir William Collins, ex-M.P. for West St. Pancras, as candidate in succession to Sir Thomas Roe.

SPECIAL EXTRA.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S DOSSIER.

Bearing on the possibilities of the present almost acute situation, it is significant, says the *Daily Chronicle* Special Correspondent in New York, that the President is compiling a *dossier* of Germany's recent submarine activities. Undoubtedly he intends drastic diplomatic action if the evidence convicts Germany of broken pledges and persistent evasion of international law. Recent sworn testimony that victims were forced into boats, in a violent gale, resulting in the sacrifice of life, does not accord with the President's demand that submarines should place crews and passengers in safety before sinking ships.

WHAT THEY SAY IN GERMANY.

The Special Correspondent of the *Daily News* at Rotterdam says—The text of the American Note was only issued in time to reach the later editions of the German Press, and only a few opinions are available. If, however, the attitude of the *Koelnische Zeitung* be taken as a criterion, the Pan-German elements are not over anxious to throw themselves into the hands of the man they have steadfastly been vilifying, or, in fact, would they support anything like open publication of their war objects. Secrecy is their great aim, a fact which throws into light the value of their peace offer. The paper mentioned says—"Surprising as is this step of President Wilson it will be necessary in judging it to exercise reserve, as it is not yet known whether publication of conditions is also meant, or whether a confidential exchange of opinions between the belligerents is intended. The Note of the Central Powers makes the last proposal, and therewith points out the only road which can lead to peace. Should Wilson, however, wish to bring about a general publication of the conditions under which both groups are inclined to make peace, it would sharpen contradictions instead of softening them and peace would be further off than ever. Germany has given an assurance that its rights and demands are not in contradiction to the rights of other nations, and that its proposals according to its convictions form a suitable ground for the restoration of a lasting peace. The Central Powers can and will go no further.

ALLIES' REPLY TO GERMANY.

A diplomatic correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* says—There are some indications that the Allied Powers will reply first of all to the German Note which was forwarded to them through President Wilson last Monday. That reply, which is being discussed at the present moment between the Cabinets, will, in all probability, be a very full document, setting forth very forcibly why the Allies made up their minds to accept Germany's challenge in August, 1914, and why they are bound to-day not to halt in their work until the military collapse of Germany is complete. Of course the President of the United States will not consider such a Note as a reply to his own proposal, since he declared that the latter had nothing to do with the step taken by the Central Empires. For the same reason, he will not have to feel offended at any statement he may find embodied in the official communication which will be handed to him for transmission to Germanic Europe. All the same, once he has read it, he will be left in very little doubt as to the fate of his own suggestion. Owing to these circumstances, it is quite possible that the reply to the American Note of Wednesday's date will be a short one. All the main points will have been covered previously to its being drafted.

FRANCE AND DR. WILSON'S NOTE.

A Reuter's Paris telegram says:—

In a leading article, the *Temps* discusses the American Note, and says it rests on the axiom that Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg speaks of peace almost in the same way as leading statesmen of the *Entente*, that is to say, he wishes, like them, to ensure the rights of small nations. Therefore, peace, according to him, ought to be possible.

The *Temps* declares that this is a fundamental mistake on the part of President Wilson, and adds: This error is of long date, because it is connected with his often reiterated refusal to pronounce on initial responsibilities for the war. It is a fundamental error, we repeat it, because in judging what the two groups of belligerents say or think of peace ought one to leave out of count the essential fact that one of them deliberately broke it while the other did everything to safeguard it. Surely not.

The *Temps* next disputes the evident opinion of President Wilson based on recent speeches by the German Chancellor, that Germany is respectful of the rights of smaller Powers, and wishes to safeguard them by peace, and calls attention to Austria's crimes against Serbia, and those of Germany against Belgium.

VACANT MINISTERIAL OFFICES.

Very few offices in the Ministry now remain to be filled, writes the Political Correspondent of the *Morning Post*. The President of the Air Board has yet to be selected, and rumour has been busy with the name of the Marquis of Londonderry. Major Baird, who has so successfully acted in the House of Commons as the representative of the Air Services, has already been appointed to the post of Parliamentary Secretary. Then the promotion forecasted some time ago of Sir J. H. Campbell to the Lord Chief Justiceship in Ireland will make necessary some changes in the law offices there. The Solicitor-General, Mr. James O'Connor, a Liberal, will almost certainly succeed to the vacant post of Attorney-General, and the other law officer may be Mr. William Moore or Mr. Chambers, well known members of the Irish Unionist Party.

THE WAR OFFICE INQUIRY.

The full findings of the Committee to inquire into the case of certain officers at the War Office are shortly to be published. Satisfaction will be widely felt, says the *Daily Mail*, that Sir John Cowans is to be retained in his office of Quartermaster-General. The Army, in particular, knows its debt to him for the splendid skill and devotion with which he has done his work. A record such as stands to his credit in this war is not to be wiped out by an error of judgment, the less so as this error appears to have been caused mainly by the extreme kindliness of his character. That he was at the War Office at all was not his fault. The letter which was read yesterday by Mr. Macpherson from Lieutenant-Colonel Collins in Mesopotamia shows what a change has been accomplished by the transfer to Sir John Cowans' hands of the business of supplying the British forces in that dismal region. Under the Indian Government they were short of food, hospital requisites, and, indeed, everything. Under Sir John Cowans' care they have all that they need. His removal at such a time would thus punish the soldier for an offence which seems fully expiated by a verbal censure.

DIVIDENDS.

ANGOSTURA BITTERS (DR. J. D. B. SIEGERT AND SONS).—Final dividend at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum, making 6 per cent. for the year.

CAREY UNITED RUBBER ESTATES.—Final dividend of 5 per cent., less tax, making 10 per cent. for the year.

EAST INDIA DISTILLERIES AND SUGAR FACTORIES.—10 per cent. on Ord.

NATIONAL STEAM CAR.—Dividend of 10 per cent.

SEKONG RUBBER.—Final dividend of 5 per cent., making 10 per cent. for the year.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

Yesterday's Italian *communiqué*:—

Along the whole front desultory artillery actions took place. In Gorizia a military hospital was again shelled in spite of its being protected by visible Red Crosses. Two people were killed and four wounded among the sanitary *personnel*.

On the Carso our troops, by surprise advances, occupied several "doline" (crater-like hollows in limestone), and put them in a state of defence. Hostile aircraft attempted raids over our lines, but were promptly driven off by the fire of our anti-aircraft batteries. A few bombs were dropped on Grigno (Sugano Valley), Calalzo (Oten Valley Piave), and Vertoiba (south-east of Gorizia), without causing casualties or damage.

BOMBS DROPPED ON POLA.

(PRESS ASSOCIATION WAR SPECIAL.)

ROME, FRIDAY.

The official announcement by the Minister of Marine says:—One of our Seaplane Sections to-day dropped bombs on military establishments at Pola and on warships anchored in the port. Despite sharp fire from anti-aircraft defences and an attempted attack by enemy aeroplanes, our seaplanes returned to their base unharmed.

REPORTED SINKING OF GERMAN SUBMARINE.

(PRESS ASSOCIATION WAR SPECIAL.)

AMSTERDAM, FRIDAY.

According to reports from German sources, the German submarine U 46 has been sunk in the Bay of Biscay by enemy forces.

GREECE'S BAD FAITH.

REMARKABLE ARMY ORDERS.

THE MOVEMENT AGAINST VENEZELISTS.

Reuter is informed that the Anglo-Hellenic League has received the following telegram from Salonika:—King Constantine's Minister of War has addressed the following Order of the Day to the troops of the Athenian Command—

"With a heart overflowing with gratitude, I convey to you, by order of His Majesty the King, Commander-in-Chief, my greetings and congratulations for your exemplary behaviour during the unforgettable days of the 1st and 2nd of December. Your loyal devotion to duty, your self-sacrifice and courage saved the country, in danger from enemies who hoped to overthrow public order and the dynasty. Our enemies must have learned that such gallant troops are invincible, and I am now able to view the future with confidence."

General Callaris, Commanding the First Army Corps, has addressed to Headquarters and all units under his command a similar Order of the Day:—

"Thanks to your courage, order reigns at Athens. Your assistance during these critical days, in severe engagements with foreign troops, will never be forgotten."

These official documents may be completed with the following circular addressed to all its branches by the Central Committee of the League of Reservists, the dissolution of which King Constantine on his word of honour announced long ago to the Ministers of the *Entente*:—

"The marbles of the Acropolis have now recovered their former glory, and a new race of Hellenes has revived the laurels of the old. Our hero greets you, and bids you be on your guard."

The language of the Royalist Press entirely conforms to the tenor of these official documents. Thus the *Chronos*, known for its close connection with the King and the General Staff, published on December 16th a long article couched in most violent and extravagant language, intended to convince the Greek people that the *Entente* is virulently hostile to the whole Greek nation.

PERSECUTING VENEZELISTS.

Reuter's Agency is informed that the Anglo-Hellenic League has received the following telegram from the Greek Provisional Government:—Information has been received that the Royalists at Athens, with the encouragement of King Constantine, are still engaged in the persecution of Venezelists, and in celebrating what they openly describe as their victory over the *Entente*. Students of the University have been imprisoned and tortured on charges of having discussed the formation of a League of Volunteers for the Army of M. Venezelos, while many of the professors of the University, including some of European reputation, have been imprisoned for having many months ago put their signatures to a *memorandum* giving historical reasons why Greece should do all in her power to help the cause of the *Entente*. These arrests seem to have been effected in every case on the information of the notorious pro-German, M. Gounaris, the ex-Premier, and M. Merkouris, the Mayor. At the Government offices the most violent action has been taken to remove every official suspected of friendliness or even of indifference towards the *Entente*. Thus, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs a private Commission has been opened to inquire into the political opinions of the staff. M. G. Karadjas, the Permanent Under-Secretary, has been given two months' leave. The houses of M. Politis and other high officials now at Salonika have been broken open and searched. Everything is being done to extirpate, once and for all, from Athens every trace of political feeling that is not actively friendly to Germany; and the treacherous massacre, which might be called "King Constantine's Trap," is regarded as the first glorious news against France and England. Thus, all the streets in the towns of Old Greece which were named after M. Venezelos are in future, by a Ministerial order, to be named after that day of murder—the 1st December.

THE WITHDRAWAL FROM THESSALY.

In the House of Commons yesterday,

Mr. RONALD McNEILL asked whether the withdrawal of the Royalist troops from Thessaly, in accordance with the terms of the Note accepted by King Constantine, implied that the troops and the authority of M. Venezelos would now be allowed to extend to places so evacuated south of the neutral zone.

Lord ROBERT CECIL said that the object of insisting upon the withdrawal of the troops from Thessaly and Epirus was to protect the rear and the flank of the Allied forces from possible attacks by such troops.

THE ALLIES AND M. VENEZELOS.

Lord ROBERT CECIL informed Mr. Ronald McNeill that the Allies recognised the Provisional Government of M. Venezelos when it was established, and had agreed to receive his agents, to discuss with them affairs of interest to both.

Lord ROBERT CECIL, replying to Mr. Ronald McNeill, said that one of the advantages of the new arrangement by which we received the diplomatic agents of M. Venezelos was that we were able to discuss the exact position held by M. Venezelos in Northern Greece.

MR. LYNCH AND THE SPEAKER.

Mr. LYNCH asked if Lord Robert Cecil could inform the House if the dilatory and dangerous policy which was being pursued in Greece was moulded by dynastic reasons.

Lord ROBERT CECIL—I have told the hon. member several times that this insinuation is cowardly, and that it is absolutely untrue.

Mr. LYNCH—On a point of order, said he had made a declaration

The SPEAKER (interrupting) said he had warned the hon. member that he was not entitled to make such charges, except upon a proper motion.

Mr. LYNCH asked whether he was not entitled to make a personal explanation to repel a charge of cowardice.

The SPEAKER—He is not entiled to make a personal explanation which repeats the offence.

Mr. LYNCH rose again, but the Speaker called upon another hon. member, and the incident terminated.

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Longhurst, Maj. A. L., Gurkha Rifles, Ind. Army.
Lynch Staunton, Maj. R. K., D.S.O., R.A.
Mears, Maj. C. D., M.V.O., Cavalry, Ind. Army.
Moberly, Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) H. S., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Robinson, Maj. C. W., S. and T. Corps, Ind. Army.
Rowlandson, Maj. M. G. D., Dogras, Ind. Army.
Stapleton, Maj. F. H., Oxf. and Bucks. L.I.
Stewart, Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) J. H. K., D.S.O., Garhwal Rifles, Ind. Army.
St. John, Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) R. S., Infantry, Ind. Army.
Walton, Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) G., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Watson, Maj. S. B., Pioneers, Ind. Army.
Wood, Maj. W. A., Army Vety. Corps.

To be Brevet Majors:—
Bignell, Capt. (temp. Maj.) R. L., Dogras, Ind. Army.
Bradney, Capt. E., R.E.
Dowling, Capt. F. T., M.B., R.A.M.C.
Maclean, Capt. G. G. C., Wellesley's Rif., Ind. Army.
Macrae, Capt. J., D.S.O., Sea. Highrs.
Mitchell, Capt. T. J., M.B., R.A.M.C.
Pemberton, Capt. S., M.C., R.E.

To be Honorary Captains:—
Anderson, Qr.-Mr. and Hon. Lt. J., R. Highlanders.
O'Brien, Qr.-Mr. and Hon. Lt. P., Manchester Regt.
Reid, Qr.-Mr. and Hon. Lt. N., Seaforth Highlanders.

To be granted the next higher rate of pay, under Article 241 of the Royal Warrant:—
Brodie, Qr.-Mr. and Hon. Lt. H. C., Leicester Regt.
Mellsop, Qr.-Mr. and Hon. Lt. J. A., S. Wales Borderers.

AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

Anderson, Capt. and Bt. Maj. B. E., Rif., Ind. Army.
Anderson, Capt. J. F. H., Lrs. (Remount Depôt), Ind. Army.
Ashburner, Maj. H. W., Pnrs., Ind. Army.
Barttelot, Maj. Sir W. B., Bt., C. Gds.
Bond, Capt. (temp. Maj.) G. W., S. and T. Corps.
Body, Capt. J., E. Kent R.
Broke-Smith, Capt. (temp. Maj.) P. W. L., R.E. and R.F.C.
Brownrigg, Capt. and Bt. Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) W. D. S., Notts. and Derby R.
Campbell, Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) W. N. (retired), Ind. Army.
Carnegy, Maj. G. P. O., 7th Hariana Lrs., Ind. Army.
Carter, Maj. L. J., Oxf. and Bucks. L.I.
Crofton, Maj. M. R. H., R.F.A.
De la Motte, Capt. R. B., S. and T. Corps, Ind. Army.
Drysdale, Capt. A. E., M.C., Sikhs, Ind. Army.
Everett, Capt. M., R.E.
Grassie, 2nd Lt. J., R. Highrs.
Hamer, Maj. M. A., M.C., Baluchis, Ind. Army.
Hamilton, Capt. W. H., F.R.C.S., I.M.S.
Harold, Commander A. E., R.I.M.
Harvey, Capt. D., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Hawes, Maj. C. H., M.V.O., Cavalry, Ind. Army.
Herbert, Maj. P. T. C. (Res. of Off.), R.F.A.
Herrick, Capt. R. de S. B., I.M.S.
Hezlet, Maj. R. K., R.F.A.
Holdich, Bt. Lt.-Col. H. A., Gurkha Rif., Ind. Army.
Hume-Spry, Capt. (temp. Maj.) W. E., S. and T. Corps, Ind. Army.
Inskip, Capt. R. D., M.C., Rif., Ind. Army.
Irwin, Rev. R. J. B., M.C., M.A., Ecclesiastical Dept., Bengal.
Johnston, Capt. (temp. Maj.) R., Cavalry, Ind. Army.
Kelsall, Maj. R., M.B., I.M.S.
Kinch, Lt. A. G., R.I.M.
Knox, Maj. E. F., Sikhs, Ind. Army.
MacDonald, Capt. (temp. Maj.) R. W., Sikhs, Ind. Army.
Marsh, Lt. B. C., R.I.M.
Marshall, Rev. G. H., Army Chaplains Dept.
McWatters, Capt. (temp. Maj.) H. C., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Minns, Temp. Capt. A. N., M.C., R.A.M.C.
Morphett, Maj. G. C., R. Suss. R.
Morris, Maj. C. O., S. and T. Corps, Ind. Army.
Nixon, Capt. C. H. F., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Nugent, Lt. (temp. Capt.) J. F. H., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Petre, Capt. H. A., M.C., Aust. Flying Corps.
Poole, Maj. I. M. C., S. and T. Corps, Ind. Army.
Preston, Maj. W. J. P., Deccan Infy., Ind. Army.
Reed, Maj. C., R.A.
Ross, Maj. G. W., Ind. Army.
Schomberg, Capt. R. C. F., Sea. Highrs.
Scott, Lt. C. A., R.I.M.
Smith, Temp. Maj. H. H., Bhopal Infy., Ind. Army.
Spowers, 2nd Lt. A., M.C., E. Lan. R., Spec. R.
Squires, Capt. E. K., M.C., R.E.
Stretch, Temp. Capt. E. A., R. Welsh Fus.
Sweet, Capt. R., M.B., I.M.S.
Taylor, Capt. N. C., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Wilson-Johnston, Capt. (temp. Maj.) W. E., Sikhs, Ind. Army.
Winter, Lt.-Col. C. B., Infy., Ind. Army.

AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS.

Allan, Temp. Capt. R. M., M.B., R.A.M.C.
Andrews, Lt. H. A., Dogras, Ind. Army.
Assig, Lt. H. L., Manch. Regt., Spec. Res.
Bailey, Capt. P. H. H., Sikh Pnrs., Ind. Army.
Baldwin, Capt. M. C., Gurkha Rif., Ind. Army.
Barrett, Temp. 2nd Lt. (temp. Capt.) W. W., R. War. R.
Bosanquet, Capt. A. P., D. of Corn. L.I., Spec. Res.
Brewer, Capt. J. C., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Bruce, Capt. G. E., Sikhs, Ind. Army.
Cahusac, Capt. A. N., S. Wales Bord.
Campbell, 2nd Lt. D., Sea. Highrs.
Campbell, Capt. J., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Catterns, Temp. Capt. G. R., S. Lan. R.
Christie, Lt. T. C., Arg. and Suth'd Highrs., Spec. Res.
Cloete, Capt. H. D., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Coates, Capt. S. B., K.E.O. Grenadiers, Ind. Army.
Cowey, Lt. N. K., R.F.A.
Crawford, Capt. J. D., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Dixon, Lt. J. F. C., Arg. and Suth'd Highrs., Spec. Res.
Dunlop, Capt. (temp. Maj.) C. A. M., Dogras, Ind. Army.
Durrant, Temp. Lt. E. M., Conn. Rang.
Collins, Capt. G. E., Cavalry, Ind. Army.
Elkington, Lt. E. H. O., Sikhs, Ind. Army.
Farman Ali Bahadur, Subadar Maj., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Farran, Capt. (temp. Maj.) G. L., Cavalry, Ind. Army.
FitzGerald, Capt. D. C. V., Ind. Med. Service.
Fox-Male, Capt. W. C. E. T., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Frost, Capt. F. D., S. and T. Corps, Ind. Army.
Garson, Capt. H. L., R.A.M.C., Spec. Res.
Gething, 2nd Lt. P. J., War. R.
Gilmour, Capt. C. D., R. Highrs.
Glen, Capt. A., M.B., R.A.M.C., Spec. Res.
Goodland, Lt. (temp. Capt.) E. S., Som. L.I.
Gopi-Nath Agarwai, 3rd Class Sub-Asst. Surgeon, I.S.M.D.
Gordon, Capt. (temp. Maj.) J. G. B., Sikhs.
Goss, Capt. E. S., Ind. Med. Service.
Greenshields, Capt. D. J., R.F.A.
Griffith, Capt. W. R. C., Rajputs, Ind. Army.
Grimble, Lt. (temp. Capt.) H. N. H., Leic. R.
Gul Akbar Bahadur, Subadar, Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Hadden, 2nd Lt. A. J., I.A.R.O., Sikhs, Ind. Army.
Harris, Temp. Lt. W. A., E. Lan. R.
Haycraft, Lt. W. C. S., Burma Infy., Ind. Army.
Heath, Capt. L. M., Punjabis.
Henderson, Temp. 2nd Lt. T. A., R. Highrs.
Hewitt, Capt. H. T., Conn. Rang.
Hislop, Capt. J. H., M.B., I.M.S.
Ives, Lt. G., I.A.R.O., Jat L.I., Ind. Army.
Jessel, Lt. G., E. Kent R.
Keatinge, 2nd Lt. (temp. Capt.) F. W. G., I.A.R.O., attd. Gurkha Rif., Ind. Army.
Keighley, Temp. 2nd Lt. F. W., S. Wales Bord.
Kelsey, 2nd Lt. T., Conn. Rang.
Kensington, Capt. (temp. Maj.) E. C., Baluchis, Ind. Army.
Lamond, 4th Class Asst. Surgeon J. D. M., I.S.M.D.
Le Cornu, Capt. C. J. S., Punjabi Rif.
Locks, Temp. 2nd Lt. G. M., R.F.A.
Lyster, Capt. (temp. Maj.) C. J. H., S. and T. Corps, Ind. Army.
MacDonald, Temp. Lt. W. G., M.B., R.A.M.C.
MacEwen, Lt. D. W., R. Highrs., Spec. Res.
MacGregor, Capt. R. F. D., M.B., I.M.S.
Macleod, 2nd Lt. N., Sea. Highrs.
MacMahon, Capt. (temp. Maj.) H. F. E., S. and T. Corps, Ind. Army.
Mair, 2nd Lt. R., I.A.R.O., attd. S. and M., Ind. Army.
Marson, Lt. A. A., R.F.A.
Martin, Capt. (temp. Maj.) J., Infy., Ind. Army.
Mason, Capt. K., R.E.
Maynard, Capt. F. H., Napier Rif., Ind. Army.
McCrindle, Lt. (temp. Capt.) J. R., Gord. Highrs. and R.F.C.
McIntyre, Capt. A. S., Leic. R., Spec. Res.
McIntyre, Capt. R. J., Leic. R., Spec. Res.
Morse, Capt. L. H., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Nicholson, Capt. F. L., Dogras, Ind. Army.
Noyes, Capt. C. D., Rajputs, Ind. Army.
O'Riordan, Capt. W. H., R.A.M.C.
Parsley, 2nd Lt. (temp. Capt.) W., Norf. R.
Phayre, Capt. R. B., Gurkha Rifles, Ind. Army.
Pitman, Lt. (temp. Capt.) C. R. S., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Rai, Capt. D. H., M.B., Ind. Med. Serv.
Reinhold, Capt. (temp. Maj.) H. E., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Renny, Capt. H. B., Sikh Pns., Ind. Army.
Rodrigues, Asst. Surgeon J. M., I.S.M.D.
Roome, Capt. H. E., R.E.
Rowntree, Capt. H. K., M.B., I.M.S.
Sen, Capt. Jyoti Lal, M.B., I.M.S.
Singh, Jemadar Tara Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Sondhi, Temp. Lt. Sundar Das, M.B., Ind. Med. Service.
Stirling, Capt. H. F. D., Rifles, Ind. Army.
Thackeray, Temp. Lt. J. B., R.A.M.C.
Thomas, Temp. Capt. D. R., Ches. R.
Tottenham, Temp. 2nd Lt. E. L., L.N. Lan. R.
Travis, Temp. Capt. J. J., E. Lan. R.
Venables, Temp. Capt. A. V., I.A.R.O., attd. S. and M.
Verney, Capt. F. E., Devon. R.
Vernon, Capt. H. B., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Ward, Temp. Capt. P. W., S. Lan. R.
Watson, Temp. 2nd Lt. J. H., E. Lan. R.
Watson, Temp. Capt. T. P., E. Lan. R.
Weinberg, Temp. Maj. J., R. Lanc. R.
Wells, Capt. F. W. A., Jat L.I., Ind. Army.
Wemyss, 2nd Lt. A. F., I.A.R.O., attd. Punjabis, Ind. Army.
West, Temp. 2nd Lt. C. H., Linc. R.
Whittall, Capt. G. E., Oxf. and Bucks. L.I.
Willoughby, Lt. (temp. Capt.) M. G. P., Lrs., Ind. Army.
Wilson, Capt. R. C., Mahrattas, Ind. Army.
Wyley, Lt. (temp. Capt.) D. H. F. T., R.F.A.

BRAVE MEN OF MERCANTILE MARINE.

DECORATIONS AWARDED.

A supplement to the *London Gazette* issued last evening states the King has been graciously pleased to approve the award of decorations and medals to the following officers and men of the British mercantile marine, in recognition of zeal and devotion to duty shown in carrying on the trade of the country during the war:—

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Captain Charles John Walker.
Captain Henry Vaughan Rigby.
Captain James Trickey.
Captain Alban Chittenden.
Captain George Wallace Cockman, R.D. (Commander R.N.R., retired).
Captain Frederick Hubert Robinson.
Captain Frederick Edward Beeching.
Chief Officer Frank Aubrey McGowan Richardson.
Captain James Ernest Churchill (Lieut. R.N.R., retired).
Captain Edward Borrowdale Johnson.
Captain George Richard Thompson.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL.

Quartermaster Edward Dobbins.
Quartermaster Thomas Taylor.
Skipper John Worthington Golding.
Skipper James Crooks.
Quartermaster William Arthur Goss.
Fireman John Davies.
Fireman Edward George Talbot.

The King has further been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication of the names of the undermentioned officers and men in the *London Gazette* as having received an expression of commendation for their services:—

COMMENDED FOR GOOD SERVICE.

Second Officer David Taws.
Chief Officer David Peace.
W./T. Operator R. C. Older.
Chief Officer James Smith Barr.
Chief Engineer Hugh Valentine Davidson.
Chief Engineer Colin Hamilton Smith.
Chief Officer John Blacklock.
Chief Engineer William Cameron.
Cadet Fred Binnion.
Second Officer Hugh Owen Davies.
Chief Engineer John Crighton.
Captain Andrew Hunter Jenkins.
Chief Engineer Charles Jones.
Captain Robert Bryce.
Captain John Rees Jones.
Captain William Tranter.
Chief Engineer Joseph Price Rich.
Chief Officer Harold Oswald Read.
Second Engineer Henry Fortune Suddes.
W./T. Operator John Rea.
Captain Henry Rattray.
Captain Thomas Bishop Jago.
Captain Thomas Ross Bannerman (since supposed drowned).
Chief Officer Walter Rankin (since supposed drowned).
Chief Officer Charles Edward Stiff.
Chief Engineer Richard Smith.
Captain James Donald Jackson.
Chief Officer William Piper.
Chief Engineer William Morralee.
Captain John Howgate.
Chief Engineer Herbert Edwin Dixon.
Captain James Cargill Murray.
Captain Thomas Martin.
Chief Engineer Charles O'Neill.
Chief Officer Thomas Myles.
Second Engineer Morris Thomas Williams.
Chief Officer John Herbert Rhodes.
Chief Engineer John McDonald.
Captain Llewellyn Mathias Bevan.
Chief Officer Arthur Samuels Blues.
Chief Engineer Joseph William Osborn Winter.
Captain Alfred George Fry.
Chief Officer Michael John Kearney.
Chief Engineer John Douglas Crawford.
Captain Peter Blacklock.
Chief Officer Richard Henry Hore.
Chief Engineer William Neill.
Chief Engineer Frank Arnold Goodison.
Captain Francis Allen Holder.
Captain Henry Stalker Southward.
Captain Charles Matthews.
Captain Jonathan Evans.
Captain Isaac Jones.
Captain Alexander Hughes.
Captain John James Porterfield.
Captain Benjamin Dowse.
Captain George Arthur Hope Flynn.
Captain Frederick Manley (Lt.-Comdr. R.N.R.).
Captain George Robert Avis Mastin.
Captain George Walter Heslop.
Captain Philip Orren Arkley.
Captain John Hill.
Captain William Reginald Miller.
Captain George Samuel Gillard (Lt.-Comdr. R.N.R., retired).
Captain Henry Ingoe Gibson.
Captain Herbert Palmer Claridge.
Chief Engineer John Hunter.
Second Engineer Hugh Ernest Rees.
Third Engineer Edgar C. Kilgour.
Chief Engineer Thomas Martin.
Captain David Thompson.
Captain Leonard Barnett.
Skipper John Randles.

GRANTED COMMISSIONS.

The following have been granted commissions as lieutenants in the Royal Naval Reserve in recognition of their services:—
Andrew Hunter Jenkins.
Robert Bryce.
Charles John Walker.
James Cargill Murray.
John Howgate.
James Donald Jackson.

NAVAL CADETSHIPS.

The Admiralty announces that the following candidates are declared to have passed the qualifying literary examination for naval cadetships, and will enter the Royal Naval College, Osborne, in January next:—

Adye, H. M.; Alison, A. B.; Allfrey, J. R.; Armytage, R. W.; Barchard, F.; Belfield, B. E.; Boardman, C. A.; Booth, J. W.; Bourne, J. A. F.; Brittain, M. G.; Buckmaster, C. H. S.; Burke, J. B.; Butler, the Hon. H. S. E.; Byng, A. F.; Chapman, N. K.; Charsley, J. H.; *Clarke, R. S. W.; Clitherow, C. B. S.; Coventry, W. G.; Cranley, J. D.; Craske, R. H.; Crawfurd, A.; David, A. C. M.; Deane, D. W.; Duncan, G. C.; Dunkerly, V. A. B.; Dunwich, J. A. A. R., Viscount; Edgington, A. T.; Fair, J.; Ferguson, A. A.; Ferguson, G. C.; Fisher, R. L.; Forrest, J. W.; Fosberry, F. G. W.; Fry, C. D.; Fuller, G. M. F.; Gabbett, J. S.; Gibbs, E. A.; Gilman, F. E. J.; Glennie, A. F. B.; Greening, C. W.; Hall, J. W.; Harper, D. H.; Henzell, O. M.; Hill, P. C.; Hindson, W. T.; Jackson, T. S.; Jenkins, H. L.; Knowling, R. G. K.; Lean, J. T.; *Lewes, J. H.; Leyland, R. C.; Macmillan, A. F.; Manning, J. L. F.; Martin, O. E. B.; Mason, J. E. H.; Matthews, R. De C.; Molson, A. H. E.; Moss, R. F.; Murray-Smith, A. R.; Nelson, C.; Newnham, J. R. F.; Nicholson, J. B.; O'Donnell, B. I.; Owen, A. L.; Pelly, J. D. C.; Philpott, G.; Plumptre, M. W.; Plunket, B. T.; Powell, H. T.; Ransome, P. C.; Robinson, T. C.; Ryan, R. J. H.; Selbie, P. H.; Smallwood, J. M.; Snat, F. M.; Stirling-Hamilton, R. W.; Stoney, R. F. E.; Swallow, J. F. A.; Tiffin, C. F. J.; Toppin, H. C.; Torlesse, J. Y. G.; Towle, G. A.; Tuke, S. C.; Turnbull, C. S. B.; Turner, C. W. C.; Tyson, D. L.; Walker, T. A. H.; Warne, R S.; Watson, W. A. C.; Welby, M. E.; Whitfield, J. F.; *Wills, P. L. B.; Windrum, T. W. F.; Wood, W. H.; *Yorke, P. C. L.; Young, M. H. C.

*These candidates have been awarded an "Honourable Mention."

NO PROHIBITION OF WHISKEY.

The Lobby Correspondent of the London *Daily News* of Thursday stated that "the Board of Control have the intention shortly of practically prohibiting the manufacture and sale of whisky in Scotland, as a preliminary to a similar measure in England and Wales." *The Wine and Spirit Gazette* immediately approached the Control Board authorities, who gave an unqualified denial to this statement. They added that they "know nothing of any such intention."

ROLL OF HONOUR

LAST NIGHT'S LISTS.

Last night's casualty lists show the following losses:—Officers—Dead, 3; wounded or missing, 17. Men—Dead, 549; wounded or missing, 1,642.

One hundred and fifty men of the Essex Regiment are reported missing.

The following casualties are reported, under various dates:—

OFFICERS KILLED.

BOYTON, Lt. H. J., Grenadier Guards.
MURRAY, Lt. H. G., Canadian Trench M.B.

OFFICER DIED.

CARTER, Lt. D. P. W., Royal Engineers.

OFFICERS WOUNDED.

BARTRUM, Sec. Lt. E. R., Royal Engineers.
BOWKER, Sec. Lt. H. A., M.C., West Yorkshire R.
COLES, Lt. A., Royal Engineers.
COLVIN, Sec. Lt. S. M. L., Middlesex Regt.
COLTHURST, Sec. Lt. P. B., Royal Engineers.
DEWEY, Sec. Lt. H. G., M.C., R.F.A.
DUNN, Capt. C. W. S., Canadian Infantry.
HENRY, Lt. F. R., Canadian Infantry.
HILL, Sec. Lt. A. P., Manchester Regt.
JONES, Sec. Lt. E. P., Essex Regt.
M'GEE, Lt. T., Canadian Infantry.
MORRIS, Sec. Lt. H. H., Gloucester Regt.
ROBERTS, Sec. Lt. H., West Yorkshire Regt.
WILLIAMS, Brigadier-General W. de L., D.S.O.
YOUNG, Sec. Lt. C. W., K.R.R.C.

Officer previously reported missing, now reported wounded and missing:—
GLOVER, Sec. Lt. C., East Yorkshire Regt.

Officer previously reported killed, now reported missing, believed killed:—
WALKER, Lt. H. V., Canadian Infantry.

OFFICER MISSING, BELIEVED PRISONER OF WAR IN GERMAN HANDS

BLAKE, Sec. Lt. C. H., Wiltshire Regt.

OFFICER MISSING.

RANKINE, Sec. Lt. A. C., Cameronians.

Officer previously reported missing, now reported prisoner of war in German hands:—
COPELAND, Lt. A. H. M., Canadian A.S.C., attd. R.F.C.

OTHER RANKS.

IRISHMEN AND MEN IN IRISH REGIMENTS ONLY.

The following casualties are reported under various dates:—
All are privates except where otherwise shown.
The town shown against each soldier's name is the home of his next-of-kin, except when followed by the abbreviation "Enlt.," when it is his place of enlistment.

KILLED.

ROYAL IRISH RIFLES.
Brien, 3958 P. (Shankill, Co. Dublin).
Devine, 40630 D. (South Shields).
Kerr, 6237 A. (Vancouver, B.C.).
Lambert, 40618 F. (Durham); Lawson, 40653, W. H. (Middlesbrough).
McGurk, 40619 P. (Thornaby).
Pumford, 7714 J. H. (Willenhall).
Smith, 40627 J. (Kilbrook, near Colne).

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, NOW REPORTED KILLED.

ROYAL INNISKILLING FUSILIERS.
McGee, 26157 P. (Kilkenny).

ROYAL DUBLIN FUSILIERS.
McDonnell, 23642 P. (West Point, New York, U.S.A.).

DIED OF WOUNDS.

IRISH GUARDS.
Byrne, 4835 J. (Dublin).

LEINSTER REGIMENT.
Quirk, 2495 T. (Belfast).

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WOUNDED, NOW REPORTED DIED OF WOUNDS.

KING'S (LIVERPOOL REGIMENT).
Dowds, 24066 E. (Londonderry)

DIED.

CONNAUGHT RANGERS.
Clarke, 4987 Cpl. F. (London).

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.
Hudson, 10382 J. (Dublin).
Mullins, 68268 M. J. (Cork).

WOUNDED.

HUSSARS (ATTACHED MIDDLESEX REGIMENT).
Saunders, 7808 Act. Cpl. S. (Dublin).

ROYAL ENGINEERS.
O'Connell, 140513 Spr. P. (Thurles).

CHESHIRE REGIMENT.
Osborne, 24650 W. (Armagh).

ROYAL INNISKILLING FUSILIERS.
Wright, 19202 Sgt. S. J. (New South Wales).

WELSH REGIMENT.
Dowling, 18617 M. (Dungarvan).

ROYAL IRISH RIFLES.
Delaney, 16134 J. (Dublin).
Finlay, 8582 W. (Dublin).
Gibney, 9279 M. (Drogheda); Gordon, 9643 J. (Belfast); Graham, 13851 R. (Dublin).
Haggett, 40602 R. E. (Middlesbrough).
Ingham, 5515 W. (Liverpool).
Johnston, 10144 L.-Cpl. S. (Belfast).
McClenaghan, 9019 A. Sgt. G. (Dromore); Marsden, 40700 P. (Shipley, Yorks); Moore, 6644 L.-Cpl. J. (Belfast); Morrison, 6870 H. (Belfast).
Neill, 4722 Sgt. R. (Lurgan).
O'Shaughnessy, 8121 P. (Dublin).
Roddy, 2891 J. (Dundalk).
Skelly, 5666 M. (Dublin); Standage, 40701 F. (Leeds).
Taylor, 10119 L.-Cpl. C. J. (Cork); Totten, 4635 J. (Lisburn).
Walton, 40697 M. (Hetton-le-Hole).

ROYAL IRISH FUSILIERS.
Shea, 20981 L.-Cpl. M. (Boston, America).

LEINSTER REGIMENT.
Donagher, 2262 Sgt. M. (Maryborough).

ROYAL MUNSTER FUSILIERS.
Fuller, 8502 P. (Dunedin, New Zealand).

RIFLE BRIGADE.
Belcher, 7160 G. (Belfast).

ARMY CYCLIST CORPS.
Shoobridge, 9859 W. R. (Dublin).

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.
Johnston, 60613 J. (Dublin).

WOUNDED, SHOCK-SHELL.

ROYAL DUBLIN FUSILIERS.
Redding, 10975 Bdmn. H. (Peckham, S.E.).

WOUNDED AND MISSING.

ROYAL IRISH FUSILIERS.
Harrison, 43184 J. (Dublin).

MISSING.

LEINSTER REGIMENT.
Morris, 10520 P. (Mountmellick).

Lieutenant-Colonel A. J. Campbell.—Lieutenant-Colonel A. J. Campbell, Indian Army, wounded in action, served in the three campaigns in Burma between 1891 and 1895, for which he holds the medal with three clasps. In 1897 he married a grand-daughter of the late General Ezekiel Gage, a celebrated Indian Army officer, of Rathlin Island, Co. Antrim.

Captain I. B. George.—A telegram has been received from Captain Ion Barry George, 2nd Royal Irish Regiment, announcing his transfer from Crefeld, Germany, to Mürren, Switzerland. Captain George was wounded severely and taken prisoner at Mons, August 23rd, 1914.

Baron Reuter.—News has been received of the death in action, while serving as a private in the Black Watch, of Baron Hubert de Reuter, only son of the late Baron de Reuter. He fell on November 13th in a gallant fight, in which he won high distinction for his adroitness, bravery, and self-sacrifice. He would have gained a very high decoration had he lived, writes his colonel. He was with his platoon in the attack, and through his courage and resource they captured ninety-seven Germans. The whole of the platoon went over the first line of German trenches into the second. De Reuter went down a twenty-foot dug-out, and shouted out in German asking if any men were there. No answer, so he threw two bombs round the corner, and came up two steps until they exploded. He then again shouted, "Anybody there?" Answer came, "One officer and thirty-five men." These he made file out past him. He then found that some Germans had been passed over in the first line, and were shooting from behind and from the right rear, so he put the German officer on the parapet, threatening him with his bayonet, and made him order the men to surrender. Sixty-two men came over. He then carried in three badly wounded men to cover under heavy machine gun fire, and went back over No Man's Land for the stretcher-bearers. He was hit on the way back, and was buried the next day. By his gallant conduct and daring example this one platoon (one sergeant and twenty men) captured one officer and ninety-seven men.

DUBLIN AND DISTRICT.

Royal Zoological Society of Ireland.—As a mark of respect to the late President of the Society, Mr. W. F. Peebles, whose death occurred on Thursday last, the usual Saturday breakfast and Council meeting will not take place this week. Mr. Peebles had been connected with the Society for 55 years, and took a keen personal interest in its welfare, and in promoting and carrying through new schemes for the benefit of the Gardens. The inauguration of a Members' Room and other improvements the Society owes to the practical interest he showed in its success during his long connection with it.

Blackrock College Union.—At a special meeting of the Blackrock College Union Committee, held at the Gresham Hotel on Friday, at which Sir Joseph A. Glynn presided, and at which Rev. H. O'Toole, C.S.Sp.; Messrs. John P. Butler, J.P.; A. P. Spain, T. J. Morrissey, John Healy, J. J. White, F. J. M. Eagar, Thomas F. Stack, B. F. Shields, M.A.; T. A. Murphy, Hon. Treas.; and Rev. Patrick Heyden, C.C., and T. S. Casey, B.A., LL.B., Hon. Secs., were present, the following resolution was proposed by Sir Joseph A. Glynn, seconded by Mr. John P. Butler, J.P., supported by Rev. H. O'Toole, C.S.Sp.; A. P. Spain, Rev. Patrick Hayden, C.C., and Mr. B. F. Shields, M.A. (on behalf of the Galway Branch of the Union), and passed unanimously:—"That the Committee of the Blackrock College Union have learned with great gratification of the appointment of Mr. James MacMahon, a past President and a most loyal member of the Union, to the position of Secretary of the Post Office in Ireland; and they beg to offer him their heartiest congratulations on his well-deserved promotion."

ROSSE COLLEGE,
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The Morning and Afternoon Classes will resume on Thursday, Dec. 28, the Evening Classes on Monday, Jan. 1.—(Advt.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

OUR IRISH SOLDIERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

Sir,—From a letter I received yesterday from a Colonel in the Royal Artillery I have copied the following passage. It will interest, I am convinced, not a few of your readers:—

"It is a pity that recruiting is so bad in Ireland, as the Irish regiments are really magnificent. The 16th South Irish Division took Guillemont after even the Guards had failed. Nothing could stop them except being killed dead; but they lost a lot of men. They were on our right, so I did not see them myself, but I heard a lot about it. Afterwards I met a wounded Munster officer in hospital—one of the few left alive—and he said that 'nothing scared them before, after, or during an attack; and all three phases are beastly.'"

Does it not seem absurd that certain newspapers and correspondents should persist in speaking of the non-enlisting Irishmen—250,000 in number—as "shirkers" and "cowards"? "Cowards" they certainly are not, as every honest man will gladly confess. But are they "shirkers"—that is, do they meanly and unfairly try to escape the performance of a manifest duty? I would say, No. They do not consider it their duty to fight the battles of England—a country they admittedly hate; nor do they feel in the least degree ashamed to admit their hatred. The sooner those who govern the Empire allow themselves to admit the fact, and openly acknowledge it, the better.

Major Redmond's conciliatory speech in the House the other day was mightily praised, but for what? He told us what we all knew—namely, that all Irishmen at the front are the best of friends. Have not Irishmen at the front been always good friends? He then suggested an early settlement of the Irish question, but he made no suggestion as to how it was to be settled—and he could so easily, were he in earnest, have done so. He might, for example, have promised that he would exert all his own influence to persuade the Roman Catholic Hierarchy and the Irish Nationalist Party (his own) to induce the many brave young Irishmen who are not now in the Army to enlist forthwith. Might he not have added that he would also do his own utmost to persuade the Nationalists to be satisfied with the offer made to them by Sir Edward Carson and the Covenanters during the past summer? The Major made neither these promises nor any other. He was perfectly true to his brother and his party. Why the Unionists should have approved his speech so much is to me a mystery.—Yours, etc.,

MAURICE C. HIME, LL.D.

December 21st, 1916.

THE IRISH QUESTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES

Sir,—As there seems to be some prospect of serious effort to bring about a settlement of our Irish difficulty, may I suggest consideration of the present positions of the Lord Lieutenant and the Chief Secretary? I believe that since the Union the functions of both have been most materially altered, and that neither office now fulfils its proper part in cementing the Union. The office of the Lord Lieutenant has been degraded into the mere shadow of a figure-head. The Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant is not the representative and mouthpiece of the Irish Government in the Cabinet at Westminster, but the mouthpiece of the Cabinet at Westminster in Ireland.

If the functions of the Lord Lieutenant were what they might be, there seems to me to be no sufficient reason why, so long as Ulster, or part of Ulster, chooses to remain outside any scheme of Home Rule, the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant should not lay before the Crown the decisions of a Parliament at Dublin, and, equally as Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant and representative of the Irish Government, conduct the bills relating to Ulster through the Cabinet at Westminster. The unity of Ireland would be preserved. The Irish Executive should meet with no insurmountable difficulties. But let us have a Royal Prince as Lord Lieutenant and an Irishman as Chief Secretary.—Yours, etc.,

"EMERITUS."

Co. Wexford, December 21st, 1916.

DENOMINATIONALISM IN IRELAND.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

Sir,—"Man in the Street" appears to write on this subject with the airy irresponsibility of ignorance. If he imagines that the children of numerically unimportant minorities can be safely mixed with strong and often intolerant majorities, he is theorising apart from facts. He is in similar case if he thinks it possible to indulge in the indiscriminate grouping of the different elements in a community without injury to religion. Owing to the more equal representation of the Churches in England Parliament has been able to thrust all together into the State schools, but anyone who has studied the question knows the deplorable religious ignorance which results.

There is but a single standpoint from which "Man in the Street's" letter might have value of a sinister kind. If he desires the extinction of minorities, and the banishment of religion, he has made a good choice of weapons.—Yours, etc.,

"EDUCATION."

Dublin, December 22nd, 1916.

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

Sir,—Christmas is at hand and the joyous season calls for good cheer. The warmth of human nature must spread a mantle of kindness and stimulate good-will in the hearts of all around us. While welcoming Christmas ourselves, we are gratified in hearing of generous acts that will ensure a bright and happy time.

Holly and ivy make the heart glad with joy, reminding us of the Christmas stocking and recalling sunny faces, many of whose owners are now grown up, and are sad and lonely in a distant country. Father Christmas will not forget the children at home. Will they each contribute their mite towards a present for our noble soldiers? Memories of home prompt them to achieve marvellous feats, and we want each and all to receive a happy message on Christmas Day. Young people can do a great deal, and they are asked to lend a helping hand in conveying Christmas greetings to our good friends far away.—Yours, etc.,

"CHARITY."

December 22nd, 1916.

GAS-STOVE RENTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

Sir,—The gas-stove rental in Dublin is at the moment pressing. I fully support the various letters suggesting that every user of a cooker should refuse to pay the increase demanded, and allow the company to act. I do not know the existing terms of hire, but I do know that the rent is collected quarterly. In the absence of a clause to the contrary, consumers are entitled to a full quarter's notice to alter or terminate the letting, and that dating from a quarter day. I suggest that every consumer who has received notice should reply declining to pay the increase, stating that when the company legally terminate the hire agreement they can remove their cooker, and notifying them that, should they illegally remove the stove, they will be held responsible. The present autocratic management will, like the Berlin All Highest, see that they are beaten. Already the olive branch of peace has been issued by advertisement offering to sell the cookers and wipe out the rental. Let no consumer accept such a proposal. Antiquated and worn-out cookers after sixteen years' service are only fit for old age pensions.

I would suggest further that all gas consumers should combine, appoint a good committee to investigate in their interests all gas questions, and see that the consumers are getting what they are entitled to. Anyone who uses gas at present will admit that electricity is preferable. Electricity has ousted gas for lighting and small power purposes; suction gas, costing about 4d. *per* thousand, supplies heavy power. The Gas Company are dependent upon consumption of gas for cooking and heating, a very convenient, but expensive, method. If this ceases, they may close down.—Yours, etc.,

T. PICTON BRADSHAW.

Mount Temple, Clontarf, Dublin,
December 22nd, 1916.

A PLEA FOR THE DOG.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES

Sir,—The attention of the Dublin Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has been called to the great, but, perhaps, unintentional, cruelty occasioned by the owners of dogs, who persist in taking them out with them during the crush of the Christmas shopping. The poor animals are trodden upon, hustled, and not infrequently run over by motors and cars. I feel sure that an appeal to their common-sense and affection for their animals will not be without effect in causing a discontinuance of this practice.—Yours, etc.,

FREEMAN W. DEANE, Hon. Secretary.
Dublin Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 36 Westmoreland street,
Dublin, December 22nd, 1916.

CAROLS IN CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

At Evensong at 4 p.m. to-morrow Carols will be sung by the Cathedral choir. The following is the selection:—(1) A Virgin Most Pure (with the tune in its original modal form); (2) The Babe in Bethlehem's Manger Laid; (3) The First Nowell (the tune is cleverly treated in Canon by Martin Shaw); (4) Good Christian Men (the last verse to J. S. Bach's setting); (5) Unto us is born a Son (tune from Piæ Cantiones, 1582). In all the settings of the Carols the Victorian harmonisations have been discarded, as they are quite at variance with the "sturdy peasant note that is so characteristic of them." The settings used are edited by Martin Shaw and Dr. Dearmer.

G. N. RAILWAY CLERKSHIPS.
Exam. Announced for 7th February.
Last exam. Successful from SKERRY'S COLLEGE, 76 Stephen's Green, Dublin—Messrs. McGuinness, Argue, and Elley. Previous exam.—Messrs. Kavanagh, Prole, Moore, Wisdom, and Ballantine. Specialised Postal Tuition for Provincial Students.—(Advt.)

Fashionable Intelligence

The Earl and Countess of Dartrey have arrived at Dartrey, Monaghan, where they will spend Christmas.

The Countess of Huntingdon has arrived at Sharavogue from London.

The Dowager Countess of Desart has arrived in London from Ant Even, Kilkenny.

The Earl of Dunraven arrived on Tuesday at Adare Manor, County Limerick, where he will remain over Christmas.

Viscount Hood has left London for Ireland.

Viscount Glentworth is staying at Dromore, County Limerick, for a few days.

Lady Muriel Close, who has been staying in London, has returned to County Down.

The Hon. Georgina O'Brien, who has been in Dublin for a week, has returned to London.

A marriage has been arranged, and will shortly take place, between Maurice Drummond, M.D., 22 Upper Fitzwilliam street, Dublin, son of His Honour Judge Drummond, and Beatrix Mary, only daughter of Captain O'Reilly, D.L., Rathaldron Castle, Co. Meath.

Thousands of Useful Gifts at Switzer's. Warehouse Open till 10 o'clock p.m. this evening.—W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 South Great George's street.

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Maple's Hotel—Special terms officers' families.

Amongst the visitors staying at the Grand Hotel, Malahide, during the past week were the following—Mr. John T. Ray, Mrs. John T. Ray, Mr. W. John Braithwaite, Mr. Patrick Clarke, Mr. Charles G. Lowry, Mr. William Arthur Gill, Mrs. William Arthur Gill, Mr. Charles H. Reckman, Mr. Edward H. Pearson, Mrs. Amy E. Pearson, Mrs. Isabel levers Clery, Miss Dora Isabel Massey.

Arrivals at Kingstown per Royal Mail steamers, 22nd December.—The Lord Lieutenant, James Lardner, M.P.; Lieutenant A. E. Nesbitt, R.E.; Second Lieutenant B. Somerville, R.F.C.; Captain J. H. Davys, R.A.M.C.; Lieutenant J. Kirkwood, Captain W. M. O'Kelly, A.S.C.; William Doris, M.P.; Captain K. W. Jones, D.S.O., R.A.M.C.; Captain Kean, R.A.M.C.; Captain E. G. Fenton, Captain O. H. Petherick, Captain P. A. Earle, Second Lieutenant C. Kelly, Lieutenant R. F. Seddall, Captain Cruess Callaghan, Major and Mrs. Chesnutt-Chesney, Major and Mrs. Conner, T. M. Healy, K.C., M.P.; General Sandbach, General Fawcett, Lord Hastings, Lieutenant H. Dacre, R.N.B.; Lieutenant Harold E. Deane, R.M.L.I.; Lieutenant J. M. Geraty, Dr. and Mrs. N. Keating, Earl of Enniskillen, George Hutton, Mrs. Matterson, J. S. Metterson, W. S. Matterson, Rev. Thomas A. Molony, Rev. M. J. Dunne, E. J. Burke, R.F.C.; Walter Luke, R.F.C.; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Dyas, Charles S. Morewood, L.D.S., R.C.S.I.; H. L. Gerrard, C. E. Walsh, J. J. Swaine, Philip Lawless, T. H. Langrishe, J. F. Wilson, Mrs. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Collet, Harry Forman, T. Phillips, Edmund Burke, A. Leader Cruice, A. Magawly Banon, H. E. Fay, B. Jinks, C. H. Moran, J. Kirkland, J. R. Leslie-Ellis, Lady Pole-Carew, Miss M. A. Hughes, Miss K. Cooper-Chadwick, Mrs. Percival Jones, Miss Jones, Miss P. L. Pyke, Conrad C. Betts, Miss London, Miss N. O'Carroll, Misses Foxe, Miss N. Banon, Miss K. Mahony, Miss Peacocke, Miss N. Forman, Miss A. Sullivan, Miss E. Sullivan, John R. Reynolds, Miss B. Murphy, Miss O'Donnell, Mr. and Mrs. H. Mayne, Miss Mayne, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Lanning, Captain Graham, Captain Byrne.

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To Ladies—Ladies' Department for Medical Appliances of all kinds.—Fannin and Co., 41 Grafton st.

ELECTRICAL POWER IN IRELAND.

DEVELOPMENT OF COAL AND PEAT INDUSTRIES.

At a meeting of the Institution of Electrical Engineers (Dublin Local Section), held at the College of Science, Upper Merrion street, last night, Captain Webber, R.E., in the chair, an interesting paper was read by Mr. J. P. Tierney, M.Inst. E.E., on "The Use of Electricity for the Industrial Development of Ireland." Mr. Tierney, in the course of his paper, said that there was a marked contrast between the industrial and mineral development of England and Ireland during the past 60 years. Whilst the mineral and industrial resources of England had been developed to their fullest, the corresponding resources in Ireland had hardly been considered. It was rather remarkable that nearly all the electrical power supply of this country was obtained from sea-borne fuel, the cost of which had, as compared with England, been very high when delivered at the power station. The labour and transit conditions of the past two years had aggravated this drawback—in fact, in most cases the cost of sea-borne coal was to-day double what it was at the outbreak of the war. Having referred to the advance in the use of electricity in farming operations in Germany and Canada, he pointed out that in 1911 the Ontario Provincial Legislature had passed a law to enable the Hydro-Electric Commissioners to distribute electrical energy to the residents of the rural districts, and an extensive campaign of education had been carried out amongst the farmers of the province. With reference to the supply of Irish coal, although about 95,000 tons were mined in Ireland in 1914, in no single instance was there a main line railway siding into any Irish coal mine, which necessitated their being worked by road carts, a condition of things which must be regarded as a huge joke by any English colliery owner. The result was that at the present time the people of Dublin were paying 45s. per ton for coal, whereas Irish coal was being sold at the pit's mouth in Athy for 15s. per ton, the actual distance from Athy to Dublin being 45 miles. It might be stated that the handicap to the development of Irish coal in Ireland was not cheap power, but cheap transit; but a supply of cheap power in a country supplied the first necessity for cheap transit, as it enabled lines to be worked electrically at a figure very much less than steam operation. He held that they as a country should adopt appliances suitable for the consumption of native coal as soon as they found that this could be utilised satisfactorily, at a proper price, when proper transit facilities were given. Some time ago the Government appointed an Advisory Committee for Scientific and Industrial Research, the duty of this Committee being to promote and organise scientific research, with a special view to its application to the industries of the country. He would suggest that some money should be devoted for the purpose of ascertaining the exact value of Irish coal. Once this information was definitely known, it became a simple proposition to estimate the price at which the coal could be delivered at any centre and to decide the most beneficial means of getting the fuel value out of the fuel. As to the development of the peat industry, it would appear that the only proper lines for development were the erection of a power station practically in the centre of the peat area, as it was obviously less expensive to transmit electric current in a wire than it was to transmit fuel in railway waggons, and further, the current when transmitted to the point where the power was to be made use of for industrial purposes could be utilised with less capital expenditure, and more efficiently than fuel delivered at the same point. The question of the utilisation of Irish peat for power production was one to which he would suggest that the Local Section of the Institution should direct the attention of the Government Advisory Committee for Scientific and Industrial Research, and that they should recommend Parliament to vote a sum of money for research work in this direction. There were very large areas of bog in Ireland, some of the largest existing within 30 miles of Dublin, and apart from the benefits derived from obtaining cheap power from peat, they must not overlook the advantage of the area of ground reclaimable for tillage and agriculture. He thought the supply of power in any State was of equal importance to the transit facilities. The present was truly the electrical age, and there was a general feeling that more facilities for the development of Irish industries and mineral resources would be given in the future than in the unfortunate history of the past. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. A. E. Porte proposed, and Mr. Tatlow seconded, a cordial vote of thanks to the lecturer.

Mr. David Sherlock, in supporting the motion, which was carried with acclamation, said Mr. Tierney had referred to the Advisory Committee for Scientific Research, and in connection with the development of the peat industry had expressed the hope that some money would be available. He (Mr. Sherlock) had been present at a meeting at the Department, at which they discussed the problem of the peat bogs and other matters, and he could tell them that a sum of £1,000,000 had been allocated to these purposes, and he hoped that their Society would enjoy a part of that considerable sum of money. (Hear, hear.) It had been suggested that there was nothing in peat, but he thought it was as true to say that there was everything in peat, including snagnum moss, now so much used in dressing the wounds of soldiers; peat moss litter, spirit for driving motors, and material which could be woven into clothing.

CAVAN ROYAL SCHOOL.

The Board of the above school met in Cavan on Wednesday, the Bishop of Kilmore in the chair. The Inspector's report was very satisfactory, and the Board expressed its appreciation of the Headmaster's successful management of the school. In 1913 the number of pupils was 20, while for the current year the number had risen to 55. A pleasing feature in the Headmaster's report was the statement that the boys voluntarily handed over the amount of their prizes, £3 5/-, to the County Branch of the Red Cross Society. Many improvements had been carried out during the year, and the school had been absolutely free from illness as in former years, while the comfort of the pupils had been most carefully attended to in every way.

Porridge and Premiers.

In the House of Lords,
Lord LOVAT said Oatmeal was used extensively as a food in Scotland and the North of England.
The Times.

From the year 1892 to Mr. Asquith's retirement this month the Premiership of the United Kingdom has been held by Scots and North of England men, all being representatives of Scotch constituencies—Gladstone (1892), Rosebery (1894), Balfour (1902), Campbell-Bannerman (1905), and Asquith (1908).

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BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY (CO. DUBLIN BRANCH) AND ST. JOHN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.

51 Dawson Street, Dublin.

The Joint Depot will be closed from 23rd inst. to the 27th inst., both dates inclusive.
DENIS R. PACK BERESFORD, Hon. Sec., B.R.C.S. (Co. Dublin Branch).
J. LUMSDEN, Deputy Commissioner, St. John Ambulance Brigade.

WOOLLEN GARMENTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

Sir,—May I again, through the columns of your paper, bring to the notice of our ever-generous friends the pressing need for an increased supply of woollen garments in our Depôt?

We especially ask for socks, mufflers, helmets, caps, operation socks, and bed socks.—Yours, etc.,
EVELYN BARKER, Hon. Sec. Clothing Depôt.
British Red Cross Society (Co. Dublin Branch) and St. John Ambulance Association, 51 Dawson street, Dublin, December 22nd, 1916.

THE VEGETABLE PRODUCTS COMMITTEE (IRISH BRANCH).

The hon. officers have pleasure in stating that, by the generous help of many kind donors, they were able to despatch yesterday 343 plum puddings to the seven Irish Naval Bases, particulars of which will appear later.

VEGETABLE PRODUCTS COMMITTEE (IRELAND).

BLACKROCK BRANCH.

Mrs. G. F. Healy (Hon. Secretary), Peafield, Blackrock, wishes to acknowledge with grateful thanks the following kind subscriptions and gifts to the Plum Pudding Fund for the Sailors of the Royal Navy stationed at the Irish Bases (86 puddings—296lbs. net weight) were despatched. Special thanks are due to the ladies who kindly made the puddings:—Miss Sullivan and Students of the Alexandra College Cooking Class; Mrs. R. Johnson and Miss Green; and to Messrs William Bolton and Co., who supplied the cases, packed the puddings, and delivered them at the North Wall. Subscriptions:—Per Miss Sheriff, 17/6. 10/- each—Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Wynne, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Mocran, Mrs. W. Smith, F. Saville, Esq.; Mrs. Huet, the Archdeacon of Meath, William Bolton, Esq.; Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Hooper, Mrs. Darley, Mrs. Harding's Working Party, Mrs. Kertland. Miss Foxall, 6/-. 5/- each—Mrs. Sarratt, Mrs. Healey, Ion Phillips, Esq., W. S. Hosford, Esq.; Mrs. Hyde Perrott, Mrs. Tottenham Smith, William Dall, Esq.; Mrs. Willington, W. E. Huet, Esq.; Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Heenan, Mrs. Weber Smith, Mrs. G. W. Healy, Mrs. Saville, Mrs. Beatty, Mrs. Green. 4/—Mrs. Findlater, 2/6 each—Mrs. Nash, Mrs. Peacocke, Mrs. Baskin, F. G. Healey, Esq.; Mrs. A. B. Orr, Miss Robertson, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. MacDonogh, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Levingston, 2/—Mrs. Dowse; Mrs. G. F. Healy, £1; Mrs. J. Heenan, plum pudding; Mrs. Mandy, flour and currants; Mrs. Crabbe, flour; Messrs. Findlater and Co., Blackrock, raisins.

M'GUIRE'S COLLEGE, DUBLIN.

This college celebrated last evening what may be called a double event. It had come of age, and was fortunate in being able to commemorate the event by producing an unprecedented success list. The Principal, Mr. Moorhead, referred to the many distinctions obtained during the year, and congratulated the students on some outstanding successes—for instance, the first Dublin place obtained in the Female Learner Examination, which was the only vacancy, and several best results in female typist and boy clerk examinations. The Principal referred especially to the *esprit de corps* which characterised the whole relations between staff and pupils, as evidenced by the tokens of gratitude so generously presented. The proceedings terminated with a concert and dance, in contributing to the success of which almost everybody assisted. Miss Colley, Miss Rumball, Miss McIntosh and her young brother obtained special applause.

ST. JAMES'S PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS, DUBLIN.

The annual concert in connection with St. James's National Schools was held in the Parochial Schoolhouse, South Circular road, Dublin, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. The entertainment was a decided success, both as regards the number present and the excellent programme provided. The programme consisted of pianoforte selections, vocal solos, action songs, physical drill, etc., interspersed with sketches, and the seasonable play called "Little Red Riding Hood." All these items were rendered in a most effective manner, and evoked hearty applause. Special thanks are due to Miss Daly and the Misses Sargeant and Barnet, who were mainly responsible for organising the concert; also to the following artists:—The Misses E. Huband, M. Copeman, G. Gilbert, F. Glasgow, V. Stone, E. Falkiner, R. Copeman, D. Reeves, M. Tomlinson, F. Yarnell, M. Williamson, A. Marno, H. Carter, L. Twamley, L. Parcell, E. Kinmoth, N. Hunt, H. Gray, G. Hopkins, L. Geelan, M. Tapley, E. Pilkington, Q. Harris, E. Dolan, and H. Carroll. At the commencement of the concert on Tuesday evening the pupils presented Miss Daly, the principal of the girls' school, with a very handsome silver rosebowl as a token of their affection and appreciation.

THE AMERICAN MARKETS.

STOCKS CLOSED STRONG.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

NEW YORK, FRIDAY.

The Coffee, Sugar, Produce, and all Grain Exchanges will be closed to-morrow.

Stocks showed good recoveries, and there was none of yesterday's wildness and excitement on to-day's market. Bear aggression made but little headway, and the closing was strong. Government Bonds steady, Railroad Bonds firm.

Gains—Atchison Topeka Common, 2¼; Atlantic Coast Line Common, 1½; Baltimore Common, 1½; Canadian Pacific, Lehigh Valley Shares, Southern Railway Prefd., Wabash Pref., and Ontario and Western, 1½; Chesapeake Ohio Common and International Mercantile Marine Common, 2¼; Chicago Great Western Pref., Great Northern Ore Certificates, and Chicago Rock Island, 3; Chicago Milwaukee Common and Northern Pacific Common, 2¼; Chicago North-Western Ord., Louisville, and Texas Pacific, 1; Bethlehem Steel Common 25; Denver Pref. and Consolidated Gas, 3½; Erie 1st Pref., General Electric, and National Lead, 4; Great Northern Pref., 2; Illinois Central and New York Central, 2½; Interborough Consolidated Common, 1¼; Missouri Kansas Common, ⅞; Norfolk Western Common, 3½; Pennsylvania Shares, ⅞; American Smelting and Refining Common and Reading Common, 3¾; Southern Railway Shares, 2¼; Southern Pacific, 2¾; Union Pacific Common, 3¾; American Smelting and Refining Prefd., 1¾; Anaconda Copper, 5¼; Utah Copper, 6¼; Steel Common, 6⅞; Steel Prefd., 1½; British-American Tobacco, ¼; International Mercantile Marine Prefd., 7, and Missouri Pacific, 1½.

Losses—Erie General Lien and Reading 1st Prefd., 1, and Union Pacific Prefd., ¼.

Money firm. Sterling exchange easy. Silver commercial bars ⅛c. down.

CLOSING PRICES:—

Eng Parity.	Stocks	Closing Bid Prices. Thur	Fri.
104⅛	U.S. 2% Funded	99⅛	99⅜
109⅛	Atch. Top., Santa Fe	101⅛	103⅞
105⅛	Do. Preferred	100⅛	100⅛
99⅛	Do. New 4% Gen. Mt.	94⅜	94¾
108⅛	Do. 4% Con. Bds.	103⅜	103⅜
88⅛	Baltimore and Ohio	82	83⅞
78⅛	Do. Preferred	74⅜	74⅜
172⅛	Canadian Pacific	162¾	164⅛
95⅛	Chic. Mil. & St. Paul	89	91⅜
130⅛	Do. Preferred	124	124
189	Chic. & N.W. Pref.	*173	*180
36⅛	Chic. Rock I. & Pacific	31⅛	34⅛
18⅛	Denver & Rio Grande	17⅛	17⅜
41⅛	Do. Preferred	36	39⅜
36⅛	Erie Railroad	33⅜	34⅜
51⅛	Do. 1st Preferred	45	49
75⅛	Do. Lien Bonds	73	72
111⅛	Illinois Central	104	106⅛
137⅛	Louisville & Nashville	130	139
13⅛	Miss'ri, Kan. & Texas	10⅜	11⅛
56⅛	Do. 2nd Mt. 4% G. Bs.	53⅛	53⅛
35⅛	Missouri Pacific (New)	32⅜	34⅛
109⅛	N.Y. Ctl. & Hudson R.	101⅛	104
142⅛	Norfolk & Westn. Com.	132	135⅜
143⅛	Do. 4% Con Bds.	136⅛	138⅛
31⅛	Ontario & Western	28	27⅛
59⅛	Pennsylvania Shares	55⅜	56⅛
109⅛	Reading Shares	101	104⅛
46⅛	Do. 1st Preferred	45	44
100⅛	Do. 4% Mort.	95⅛	95⅛
34⅛	Southern Railway	30⅛	32⅛
72⅛	Do. Preferred	67⅛	69⅛
101⅛	Southern Pacific	94⅜	97⅛
154⅛	Union Pacific	143⅛	147⅜
87⅛	Do. Preferred	83⅛	83
15⅛	Wabash New	14⅜	15
59⅛	Do. Preferred A	54⅛	56⅛
141⅛	New York Cons Gas	130⅜	134⅜
112⅛	U.S. Steel Common	101	107
124⅛	Do. Preferred	117	118⅜
—	Silver Commerc'l Bars	36⅛	75⅛

* asked. † ex div.

The London parity prices are quoted at the current rate of exchange but no account is taken of the cost of insurance.

	Thursday.	Friday.
Call Money	4½ bid 5 ask	2¾ bid 3 ask
Ex. on London, 60days' sight	4.71.50	4.71.25
Cable Transfers	4.76.45	4.76.35
Ex. on Paris, sight	4.84¾	5.84¾
Ex. on Berlin, sight	75¼	74¼
Cotton, Middling, Upland	16.70	16.70
Petroleum, Refined, in cases	10.75	11.75
Petroleum, Standard, White	—	—
Petroleum, Pipe Line Certs.	—	—
Spirits of Turpentine	55½	55½
Lard, Prime Western Steam	16.72½	16.95
Tallow, Special	12	12
Sugar Centrifugal (duty paid)	5.14	5.9
Corn, Western No. 2 Mixed	Nominal.	Nominal.
Wheat, Spring, New Chicago	191	196
Do. No. 2 Hard Winter	168	176
Coffee, Rio, No. 7	9¾	9¾
Flour, Spring Wheat, Clear New	7.50 7.70	7.50 7.70
Iron, No. 2 Northern Foundry	—	—
Tin, Straits	*41.75	*40.75
Copper, Electrolytic, 1st three quarters	30½ 32½	30½ 32½
Freight, Grain, steamers to Liverpool, per bushel	Nominal.	Nominal.
Freight, Grain, steamers to London, per bushel	—	—
Freight, Cotton, to Liverpool	225c.	225c.
PHILADELPHIA.		
Petroleum, Standard White	—	—
NEW ORLEANS.		
Cotton, Middling	17.25	17.25
SAVANNAH.		
Spirits of Turpentine	52½	52½

* Asked.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

NEW YORK, FRIDAY.

WHEAT—Spots strong.
CORN—Spot firm, but nominal.
COFFEE advanced on favourable Brazilian markets, and declined on liquidation, and closed barely steady.

	Jan.	Mar.
To-day	8.45	8.61

COTTON advanced on firm cables, and fluctuated later, finally rising under covering, and closing steady. Spot quiet.

	Jan.	Mar.
To-day	16.06	16.30

Receipts—Atlantic, 7,000; Gulf, 14,000; Pacific, 15,000. Exports—Britain, 13,000; Continent, 26,000; Japan, 9,000.
COTTON OIL closed at irregular changes: yellow spot 12.40, March 12.11. PETROLEUM—Refined steady. LARD—Cash firm, 22½ points up. TALLOW steady. FLOUR firm. SUGAR easy. TIN weak. IRON firm. COPPER irregular.

CHICAGO, FRIDAY.

The Chicago Board of Trade will be closed to-morrow, and will not reopen until next Tuesday.
WHEAT opened steady, 1⅛c. to ⅝c. up, and went higher on rumours of export business, smaller internal receipts, and bull support; then temporarily reacted on better weather in the Argentine, favourable crop reports in the South-West, later North-West market news, increased North-West movement, outsiders holding off, and selling pressure, but again improved on a better cash demand, export business, and covering. The market closed strong, 4⅛c. to 2⅜c. up.

	Dec.	May.	July.
To-day	158⅛	168	138⅛
Previous day	154⅛	163⅛	135⅛

MOVEMENTS OF GRAIN (IN THOUSANDS).

	This Year.	Last Year.	This Season.	Last Season.
WHEAT. Receipts—Western Ports.	483	2310	240299	317082
CORN. Receipts—Western Ports.	709	984	97316	91355

CORN opened easy, ⅛c. to ⅜c. lower, and weakened further early on better weather, realising and commission house selling; then rallied quickly under bullish cables, smaller interior movement, and bull support. The market closed firm, ⅜c. to 1⅛c. up.

	Dec.	May.	July.
To-day	92¼	93⅛	92⅛
Previous day	91⅛	92⅛	91⅛

OATS firm, ⅜c. to 1c. dearer.

	Dec.	May.	July.
To-day	49½	53⅛	51
Previous day	48⅛	52⅛	50

PROVISIONS opened dull, and improved on a fair cash demand and peace talk. Shorts were covering and packers and grain people buying, and the market closed steady, with lard 20 to 10 up, pork 5 to 35, and ribs 12½ points higher.

LARD—

	Dec.	Jan.	May.
To-day	16.50	15.92½	16.10
Previous day	16.30	15.87½	16.00

PORK—

	Dec.	Jan.	May.
To-day	27.50	27.10	26.82½
Previous day	27.45	26.75	26.50

RIBS—

	Jan.	May.
To-day	13.87½	14.07½
Previous day	13.75	14.15

BACON firm, 7½ to 12½ points dearer. Receipts of hogs at 15 principal Western centres, including Chicago, since November 1st, total 6,455,000, against 8,891,000 last year. To-morrow's receipts of hogs at Chicago are estimated at 20,000.
HOGS firm, 15 to 10 points up.

	Short Rib Sides.	Drysalted, loose.	HOGS. Light.		Heavy.	
To-day	13.12½	13.75	9.50	10.20	9.90	10.45
Previous day	13.05	13.62½	9.35	10.10	9.80	10.35

Receipts—Western 110,000, last year 77,000; Chicago 30,000, last year 17,000.

TRINITY COLLEGE CHAPEL.

There will be choral matins, anthem, and Holy Communion in Trinity College Chapel on Christmas morning at 9.45 o'clock. There will be no sermon. The chapel will be open to all who desire to attend.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

On Christmas Day the Archbishop of Dublin will preach at the Morning Service at 11.15. The collections on that day will be in aid of the poor parishes in the neighbourhood of the Cathedral.

CHARLESTON ROAD METHODIST CHURCH.

"The Wonder of the Ages" will be the theme of the Rev. James M. Alley's sermon to-morrow evening in Charleston road Church, Rathmines. Following this Service, there will be a Praise Service of Christmas music. The soloists will include Miss Griffin, Lieutenant H. Murphy, and Mr. W. T. Clark. Mr. W. McCausland Sharwood will preside at the organ. The choir will also take part in the Service.

L.G.B. and Medical Appointments.—The Local Government Board have refused to sanction the appointment made by the Letterkenny Guardians of Dr. McGinley (22), as permanent medical officer of the Letterkenny dispensary district. The Board adheres to its policy of declining to sanction the appointment of a permanent medical officer during the war.

THE OPERATIONS IN MESOPOTAMIA.

(CONTINUED FROM COLUMN 5, PAGE 5.)

Belgrave, Maj. H. D., R. W. Kent Regt.
Case, Maj. H. A., Dorset. Regt.
Costello, Maj. (temp Lt.-Col.) E. W., V.C., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Crossley, Maj. H. J., R.A.M.C.
Deacon, Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) H. R. G., D.S.O., Conn. Rang. (temp. Lt.-Col., Highland L.I.).
Dick, Maj. R. N., R. Suss. Regt.
Edwardes, Maj. A. C., Grenadiers, Ind. Army.
Foster, Maj. J. G., M.B., R.A.M.C.
Franklin, Maj. H. S. E., D.S.O., Sikhs, Ind. Army.
Geoghegan, Maj. N. M., 89th Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Goodbody, Maj. C. M., D.S.O., Ind. Med. Serv.
Gover, Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) W. W. B., Cheshire R.
Greenstreet, Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) C. B. L., R.E.
Hamilton, Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) W. A., Connaught Rang.
Hardcastle, Maj. R. N., D.S.O., Manchester R.
Horton, Maj. J. H., D.S.O., M.B., Ind. Med. Service.
Leachman, Maj. G. E., C.I.E., R. Sussex Regt.
Leslie, Maj. W. S., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Lewis, Maj. F., D.S.O., Leicester Regt.
Longhurst, Maj. A. L., Gurkha Rifles, Ind. Army.
Lynch Staunton, Maj. R. K., D.S.O., R.A.
Mears, Maj. C. D., M.V.O., Cavalry, Ind. Army.
Moberly, Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) H. S., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Robinson, Maj. C. W., S. and T. Corps, Ind. Army.
Rowlandson, Maj. M. G. D., Dogras, Ind. Army.
Stapleton, Maj. F. H., Oxf. and Bucks. L.I.
Stewart, Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) J. H. K., D.S.O., Garhwal Rifles, Ind. Army.
St. John, Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) R. S., Infantry, Ind. Army.
Walton, Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) G., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Watson, Maj. S. B., Pioneers, Ind. Army.
Wood, Maj. W. A., Army Vety. Corps.

To be Brevet Majors:—
Bignell, Capt. (temp. Maj.) R. L., Dogras, Ind. Army.
Bradney, Capt. E., R.E.
Dowling, Capt. F. T., M.B., R.A.M.C.
Maclean, Capt. G. G. C., Wellesley's Rif., Ind. Army.
Macrae, Capt. J., D.S.O., Sea. Highrs.
Mitchell, Capt. T. J., M.B., R.A.M.C.
Pemberton, Capt. S., M.C., R.E.

To be Honorary Captains:—
Anderson, Qr.-Mr. and Hon. Lt. J., R. Highlanders.
O'Brien, Qr.-Mr. and Hon. Lt. P., Manchester Regt.
Reid, Qr.-Mr. and Hon. Lt. N., Seaforth Highlanders.

To be granted the next higher rate of pay, under Article 241 of the Royal Warrant:—
Brodie, Qr.-Mr. and Hon. Lt. H. C., Leicester Regt.
Mellsop, Qr.-Mr. and Hon. Lt. J. A., S. Wales Borderers

AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER.

Anderson, Capt. and Bt. Maj. B. E., Rif., Ind. Army.
Anderson, Capt. J. F. H., Lrs. (Remount Depôt), Ind. Army.
Ashburner, Maj. H. W., Purs., Ind. Army.
Barttelot, Maj. Sir W. B., Bt., C. Gds.
Bond, Capt. (temp. Maj.) G. W., S. and T. Corps.
Body, Capt. J., E. Kent R.
Broke-Smith, Capt. (temp. Maj.) P. W. L., R.E. and R.F.C.
Brownrigg, Capt. and Bt. Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) W. D. S., Notts. and Derby R.
Campbell, Maj. (temp. Lt.-Col.) W. N. (retired), Ind. Army.
Carnegy, Maj. G. P. O., 7th Hariana Lrs., Ind. Army.
Carter, Maj. L. J., Oxf. and Bucks. L.I.
Crofton, Maj. M. R. H., R.F.A.
De la Motte, Capt. R. B., S. and T. Corps, Ind. Army.
Drysdale, Capt. A. E., M.C., Sikhs, Ind. Army.
Everett, Capt. M., R.E.
Grassie, 2nd Lt. J., R. Highrs.
Hamer, Maj. M. A., M.C., Baluchis, Ind. Army.
Hamilton, Capt. W. H., F.R.C.S., I.M.S.
Harold, Commander A. E., R.I.M.
Harvey, Capt. D., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Hawes, Maj. C. H., M.V.O., Cavalry, Ind. Army.
Herbert, Maj. P. T. C. (Res. of Off.), R.F.A.
Herrick, Capt. R. de S. B., I.M.S.
Hezlet, Maj. R. K., R.F.A.
Holdich, Bt. Lt.-Col. H. A., Gurkha Rif., Ind. Army.
Hume-Spry, Capt. (temp. Maj.) W. E., S. and T. Corps, Ind. Army.
Inskip, Capt. R. D., M.C., Rif., Ind. Army.
Irwin, Rev. R. J. B., M.C., M.A., Ecclesiastical Dept., Bengal.
Johnston, Capt. (temp. Maj.) R., Cavalry, Ind. Army.
Kelsall, Maj. R., M.B., I.M.S.
Kinch, Lt. A. G., R.I.M.
Knox, Maj. E. F., Sikhs, Ind. Army.
MacDonald, Capt. (temp. Maj.) R. W., Sikhs, Ind. Army.
Marsh, Lt. B. C., R.I.M.
Marshall, Rev. G. H., Army Chaplains Dept.
McWatters, Capt. (temp. Maj.) H. C., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Minns, Temp. Capt. A. N., M.C., R.A.M.C.
Morphett, Maj. G. C., R. Suss. R.
Morris, Maj. C. O., S. and T. Corps, Ind. Army.
Nixon, Capt. C. H. F., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Nugent, Lt. (temp. Capt.) J. F. H., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Petre, Capt. H. A., M.C., Aust. Flying Corps.
Poole, Maj. I. M. C., S. and T. Corps, Ind. Army.
Preston, Maj. W. J. P., Deccan Infy., Ind. Army.
Reed, Maj. C., R.A.
Ross, Maj. G. W., Ind. Army.
Schomberg, Capt. R. C. F., Sea. Highrs.
Scott, Lt. C. A., R.I.M.
Smith, Temp. Maj. H. H., Bhopal Infy., Ind. Army.
Spowers, 2nd Lt. A., M.C., E. Lan. R., Spec. R.
Squires, Capt. E. K., M.C., R.E.
Stretch, Temp. Capt. E. A., R. Welsh Fus.
Swan, Capt. R., M.B., I.M.S.
Taylor, Capt. N. C., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Wilson-Johnston, Capt. (temp. Maj.) W. E., Sikhs, Ind. Army.
Winter, Lt.-Col. C. B., Infy., Ind. Army.

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Allan, Temp. Capt. R. M., M.B., R.A.M.C.
Andrews, Lt. H. A., Dogras, Ind. Army.
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Bailey, Capt. F. H. L., Sikh Purs., Ind. Army.
Baldwin, Capt. M. C., Gurkha Rif., Ind. Army.
[illegible], Temp. 2nd Lt. (temp. Capt.) W. W., S. War. R.
Beaumont, Capt. A. P., D. of Corn. L.I., Spec. Res.
Brewer, Capt. J. C., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Bruce, Capt. G. E., Sikhs, Ind. Army.
[illegible], Capt. A. N., S. Wales Bord.
Campbell, 2nd Lt. D., Sea. Highrs.
Campbell, Capt. J., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
[illegible], Temp. Capt. G. R., S. Lan. R.
Christie, Lt. T. C., Arg. and Suth'd Highrs., Spec. Res.
Close, Capt. H. D., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
[illegible], Capt. S. B., K.E.O. Grenadiers, Ind. Army.
[illegible], Lt. N. K., R.F.A.
Crawford, Capt. J. D., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
[illegible], Lt. J. F. C., Arg. and Suth'd Highrs., Spec. Res.
[illegible], Capt. (temp. Maj.) C. A. M., Dogras, Ind. Army.
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Fitzgerald, Capt. D. C. V., Ind. Med. Service.
[illegible], Capt. W. C. E. T., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
[illegible], Capt. F. D., S. and T. Corps, Ind. Army.
[illegible], Capt. H. L., R.A.M.C., Spec. Res.
[illegible], 2nd Lt. F. J., War. R.
Gilmour, Capt. C. D., R. Highrs.
[illegible], Capt. A. B., R.A.M.C., Spec. Res.
[illegible], Lt. (temp. Capt.) E. S., Som. L.I.
[illegible], 2nd Class Sub-Asst. Surgeon, I.S.M.D.
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[illegible], Capt. D. J., R.F.A.
[illegible], Capt. W. E. C., Rajputs, Ind. Army.
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[illegible], 2nd Lt. A. J., I.A.R.O., Sikhs, Ind. Army.
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[illegible], Capt. L. M., Punjabis.
[illegible], Temp. 2nd Lt. T. A., R. Highrs.
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[illegible], Temp. 2nd Lt. F. W., S. Wales Bord.
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Mason, Lt. A. A., R.F.A.
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[illegible], Capt. K., R.E.
Maynard, Capt. F. H., Napier Rif., Ind. Army.

BRAVE MEN OF MERCANTILE MARINE.

DECORATIONS AWARDED.

A supplement to the *London Gazette* issued last evening states the King has been graciously pleased to approve the award of decorations and medals to the following officers and men of the British mercantile marine, in recognition of zeal and devotion to duty shown in carrying on the trade of the country during the war:—

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS.

Captain Charles John Walker.
Captain Henry Vaughan Rigby.
Captain James Trickey.
Captain Alban Chittenden.
Captain George Wallace Cockman, R.D. (Commander R.N.R., retired).
Captain Frederick Hubert Robinson.
Captain Frederick Edward Beeching.
Chief Officer Frank Aubrey McGowan Richardson.
Captain James Ernest Churchill (Lieut. R.N.R., retired).
Captain Edward Borrowdale Johnson.
Captain George Richard Thompson.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL.

Quartermaster Edward Dobbins.
Quartermaster Thomas Taylor.
Skipper John Worthington Golding.
Skipper James Crooks.
Quartermaster William Arthur Goss.
Fireman John Davies.
Fireman Edward George Talbot.

The King has further been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication of the names of the undermentioned officers and men in the *London Gazette* as having received an expression of commendation for their services:—

COMMENDED FOR GOOD SERVICE.

Second Officer David Taws
Chief Officer David Peace.
W./T. Operator R. C. Older.
Chief Officer James Smith Barr.
Chief Engineer Hugh Valentine Davidson.
Chief Engineer Colin Hamilton Smith.
Chief Officer John Blacklock.
Chief Engineer William Cameron.
Cadet Fred Binnion.
Second Officer Hugh Owen Davies.
Chief Engineer John Crighton.
Captain Andrew Hunter Jenkins.
Chief Engineer Charles Jones.
Captain Robert Bryce.
Captain John Rees Jones.
Captain William Tranter.
Chief Engineer Joseph Price Rich.
Chief Officer Harold Oswald Read.
Second Engineer Henry Fortune Suddes.
W./T. Operator John Rea.
Captain Henry Rattray.
Captain Thomas Bishop Jago.
Captain Thomas Ross Bannerman (since supposed drowned).
Chief Officer Walter Rankin (since supposed drowned).
Chief Officer Charles Edward Stiff.
Chief Engineer Richard Smith.
Captain James Donald Jackson.
Chief Officer William Piper.
Chief Engineer William Morralee.
Captain John Howgate.
Chief Engineer Herbert Edwin Dixon.
Captain James Cargill Murray.
Captain Thomas Martin.
Chief Engineer Charles O'Neill.
Chief Officer Thomas Myles.
Second Engineer Morris Thomas Williams.
Chief Officer John Herbert Rhodes.
Chief Engineer John McDonald.
Captain Llewellyn Mathias Bevan.
Chief Officer Arthur Samuels Blues.
Chief Engineer Joseph William Osborn Winter.
Captain Alfred George Fry.
Chief Officer Michael John Kearney.
Chief Engineer John Douglas Crawford.
Captain Peter Blacklock.
Chief Officer Richard Henry Hore.
Chief Engineer William Neill.
Chief Engineer Frank Arnold Goodison.
Captain Francis Allen Holder.
Captain Henry Stalker Southward.
Captain Charles Matthews.
Captain Jonathan Evans.
Captain Isaac Jones.
Captain Alexander Hughes.
Captain John James Porterfield.
Captain Benjamin Dowse.
Captain George Arthur Hope Flynn.
Captain Frederick Manley (Lt.-Comdr. R.N.R.).
Captain George Robert Avis Mastin.
Captain George Walter Heslop.
Captain Philip Orren Arkley.
Captain John Hill.
Captain William Reginald Miller.
Captain George Samuel Gillard (Lt.-Comdr. R.N.R., retired).
Captain Henry Ingoe Gibson.
Captain Herbert Palmer Claridge.
Chief Engineer John Hunter.
Second Engineer Hugh Ernest Rees.
Third Engineer Edgar C. Kilgour.
Chief Engineer Thomas Martin.
Captain David Thompson.
Captain Leonard Barnett.
Skipper John Randles.

GRANTED COMMISSIONS.

The following have been granted commissions as lieutenants in the Royal Naval Reserve in recognition of their services:—
Andrew Hunter Jenkins.
Robert Bryce.
Charles John Walker.
James Cargill Murray.
John Howgate.
James Donald Jackson.

NAVAL CADETSHIPS.

The Admiralty announces that the following candidates are declared to have passed the qualifying literary examination for naval cadetships, and will enter the Royal Naval College, Osborne, in January next:—

Adye, H. M.; Alison, A. B.; Allfrey, J. R.; Armytage, R. W.; Barchard, F.; Belfield, B. E.; Boardman, C. A.; Booth, J. W.; Bourne, J. A. F.; Brittain, M. G.; Buckmaster, C. H. S.; Burke, J. B.; Butler, the Hon. H. S. E.; Byng, A. F.; Chapman, N. K.; Charsley, J. H.; *Clarke, R. S. W.; Clitherow, C. B. S.; Coventry, W. G.; Cranley, J. D.; Craske, R. H.; Cramfurd, A.; David, A. C. M.; Deane, D. W.; Duncan, G. C.; Dunkerly, V. A. B.; Dunwich, J. A. A. R., Viscount; Edgington, A. T.; Fair, J.; Ferguson, A. A.; Ferguson, G. C.; Fisher, R. L.; Forrest, J. W.; Fosberry, F. G. W.; Fry, C. D.; Fuller, G. M. F.; Gabbett, J. S.; Gibbs, E. A.; Gilman, F. E. J.; Glennie, A. F. B.; Greening, C. W.; Hall, J. W.; Harper, D. H.; Henzell, O. M.; Hill, P. C.; Hindson, W. T.; Jackson, T. S.; Jenkins, H. L.; Knowling, R. G. K.; Lean, J. T.; *Lewes, J. H.; Leyland, R. C.; Macmillan, A. F.; Manning, A. L. F.; Martin, O. E. B.; Mason, J. E. H.; Matthews, R. De C.; Molson, A. H. E.; Moss, R. F.; Murray-Smith, A. R.; Nelson, C.; Newnham, J. R. F.; Nicholson, J. B.; O'Donnell, B. I.; Owen, A. L.; Pelly, J. D. C.; Philpott, G.; Plumptre, M. W.; Plunket, B. T.; Powell, H. T.; Ransome, P. C.; Robinson, T. C.; Ryan, R. J. H.; Selbie, P. H.; Smallwood, J. M.; Snat, F. M.; Stirling-Hamilton, R. W.; Stoney, R. F. E.; Swallow, J. F. A.; Tiffin, C. F. J.; Toppin, H. C.; Torlesse, J. Y. G.; Towle, G. A.; Tuke, S. C.; Turnbull, C. S. B.; Turner, C. W. C.; Tyson, D. L.; Walker, T. A. H.; Warne, R. S.; Watson, W. A. C.; Welby, M. E.; Whitfield, J. F.; *Wills, P. L. B.; Windrum, T. W. F.; Wood, W. H.; *Yorke, P. C. L.; Young, M. H. C.

*These candidates have been awarded an "Honourable Mention."

NO PROHIBITION OF WHISKEY.

The Lobby Correspondent of the London *Daily News* of Thursday stated that "the Board of Control have the intention shortly of practically prohibiting the manufacture and sale of whisky in Scotland, as a preliminary to a similar measure in England and Wales." *The Wine and Spirit Gazette* immediately approached the Control Board authorities, who gave an unqualified denial to this statement. They added that they "know nothing of any such intention."

McCrindle, Lt. (temp. Capt.) J. R., Gord. Highrs. and R.F.C.
McIntyre, Capt. A. S., Leic. R., Spec. Res.
McIntyre, Capt. R. J., Leic. R., Spec. Res.
Morse, Capt. L. H., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Nicholson, Capt. F. L., Dogras, Ind. Army.
Noyes, Capt. C. D., Rajputs, Ind. Army.
O'Riordan, Capt. W. H., R.A.M.C.
Parsley, 2nd Lt. (temp. Capt.) W., Norf. R.
Phayre, Capt. R. B., Gurkha Rifles, Ind. Army.
Pitman, Lt. (temp. Capt.) C. R. S., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Rai, Capt. D. H., M.B., Ind. Med. Serv.
Reinhold, Capt. (temp. Maj.) H. E., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Renny, Capt. H. B., Sikh Pns., Ind. Army.
Rodrigues, Asst. Surgeon J. M., I.S.M.D.
Roome, Capt. H. E., R.E.
Rowntree, Capt. H. K., M.B., I.M.S.
Sen, Capt. Jyoti Lal, M.B., I.M.S.
Singh, Jemadar Tara, Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Sondhi, Temp. Lt. Sundar Das, M.B., Ind. Med. Service.
Stirling, Capt. H. F. D., Rifles, Ind. Army.
Thackeray, Temp. Lt. J. B., R.A.M.C.
Thomas, Temp. Capt. D. R., Ches. R.
Tottenham, Temp. 2nd Lt. R. L., L.N. Lan. R.
Travis, Temp. Capt. J. J., E. Lan. R.
Venables, Temp. Capt. A. V., I.A.R.O., attd. S. and M.
Verney, Capt. F. E., Devon. R.
Vernon, Capt. H. B., Punjabis, Ind. Army.
Ward, Temp. Capt. P. W., S. Lan. R.
Watson, Temp. 2nd Lt. J. H., E. Lan. R.
Watson, Temp. Capt. T. P., E. Lan. R.
Weinberg, Temp. Maj. J., R. Lanc. R.
Wells, Capt. F. W. A., Jat L.I., Ind. Army.
Wemyss, 2nd Lt. A. F., I.A.R.O., attd. Punjabis, Ind. Army.
West, Temp. 2nd Lt. C. H., Linc. R.
Whittall, Capt. G. E., Oxf. and Bucks. L.I.
Willoughby, Lt. (temp. Capt.) M. G. P., Lrs., Ind. Army.
Wilson, Capt. R. C., Mahrattas, Ind. Army.
Wyley, Lt. (temp. Capt.) D. H. F. T., R.F.A.

ROLL OF HONOUR

LAST NIGHT'S LISTS.

Last night's casualty lists show the following losses:—Officers—Dead, 3; wounded or missing, 17. Men—Dead, 549; wounded or missing, 1,042.

One hundred and fifty men of the Essex Regiment are reported missing.

The following casualties are reported, under various dates:—

OFFICERS KILLED.

BOYTON, Lt. H. J., Grenadier Guards.
MURRAY, Lt. H. G., Canadian Trench M.B.

OFFICER DIED.

CARTER, Lt. D. P. W., Royal Engineers.

OFFICERS WOUNDED.

BARTRUM, Sec. Lt. E. R., Royal Engineers.
BOWKER, Sec. Lt. R. A., M.C., West Yorkshire R.
COLES, Lt. A., Royal Engineers.
COLVIN, Sec. Lt. S. M'L., Middlesex Regt.
COLTHURST, Sec. Lt. P. B., Royal Engineers.
DEWEY, Sec. Lt. H. G., M.C., R.F.A.
DUNN, Capt. C. W. S., Canadian Infantry.
HENRY, Lt. F. R., Canadian Infantry.
HILL, Sec. Lt. A. P., Manchester Regt.
JONES, Sec. Lt. E. P., Essex Regt.
M'GEE, Lt. T., Canadian Infantry.
MORRIS, Lt. H. H., Gloucester Regt.
ROBERTS, Sec. Lt. H., West Yorkshire Regt.
WILLIAMS, Brigadier-General W. de L., D.S.O.
YOUNG, Sec. Lt. C. W., K.R.R.C.

Officer previously reported missing now reported wounded and missing:—
GLOVER, Sec. Lt. C., East Yorkshire Regt.

Officer previously reported killed, now reported missing, believed killed:—
WALKER, Lt. H. V., Canadian Infantry.

OFFICER MISSING, BELIEVED PRISONER OF WAR IN GERMAN HANDS

BLAKE, Sec. Lt. C. H., Wiltshire Regt.

OFFICER MISSING.

RANKINE, Sec. Lt. A. C., Cameronians.

Officer previously reported missing, now reported prisoner of war in German hands:—
COPELAND, Lt. A. H. M., Canadian A.S.C., attd. R.F.C.

OTHER RANKS.

IRISHMEN AND MEN IN IRISH REGIMENTS ONLY.

The following casualties are reported under various dates:—

All are privates except where otherwise shown. The town shown against each soldier's name is the home of his next-of-kin, except when followed by the abbreviation "Enlt.," when it is his place of enlistment.

KILLED.

ROYAL IRISH RIFLES.
Brien, 3958 P. (Shankill, Co. Dublin).
Devine, 40530 D. (South Shields).
Kerr, 6237 A. (Vancouver, B.C.).
Lambert, 40618 F. (Durham); Lawson, 40653, W. H. (Middlesbrough).
McGurk, 40619 P. (Thornaby).
Pumford, 7714 J. H. (Willenhall).
Smith, 40627 J. (Kilbrook, near Colne).

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED MISSING, NOW REPORTED KILLED.

ROYAL INNISKILLING FUSILIERS.
McGee, 26157 P. (Kilkenny).

ROYAL DUBLIN FUSILIERS.
McDonnell, 23642 P. (West Point, New York, U.S.A.).

DIED OF WOUNDS.

IRISH GUARDS.
Byrne, 4836 J. (Dublin).

LEINSTER REGIMENT.
Quirk, 2495 T. (Belfast).

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED WOUNDED, NOW REPORTED DIED OF WOUNDS.

KING'S (LIVERPOOL REGIMENT).
Dowds, 24066 E. (Londonderry)

DIED.

CONNAUGHT RANGERS.
Clarke, 4987 Cpl. F. (London).

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.
Hudson, 10382 J. (Dublin).
Mullins, 68268 M. J. (Cork).

WOUNDED.

HUSSARS (ATTACHED MIDDLESEX REGIMENT).
Saunders, 7808 Act. Cpl. S. (Dublin).

ROYAL ENGINEERS.
O'Connell, 140813 Spr. P. (Thurles).

CHESHIRE REGIMENT.
Osborne, 24650 W. (Armagh).

ROYAL INNISKILLING FUSILIERS.
Wright, 19202 Sgt. S. J. (New South Wales).

WELSH REGIMENT.
Dowling, 18617 M. (Dungarvan).

ROYAL IRISH RIFLES.
Delaney, 16134 J. (Dublin).
Finlay, 8582 W. (Dublin).
Gibney, 9279 M. (Drogheda); Gordon, 9643 J. (Belfast); Graham, 13851 R. (Dublin).
Hoggett, 40602 R. E. (Middlesbrough).
Ingham, 5515 W. (Liverpool).
Johnston, 10144 L.-Cpl. S. (Belfast).
McClenaghan, 9019 A. Sgt. G. (Dromore); Marsden, 40700 F. (Shipley, Yorks); Moore, 6644 L.-Cpl. J. (Belfast); Morrison, 6870 H. (Belfast).
Neill, 4722 Sgt. R. (Lurgan).
O'Shaughnessy, 8121 P. (Dublin).
Roddy, 2891 J. (Dundalk).
Skelly, 5666 M. (Dublin); Standage, 40701 F. (Leeds).
Taylor, 10119 L.-Cpl. C. J. (Cork); Totten, 4635 J. (Lisburn).
Walton, 40697 M. (Hetton-le-Hole).

ROYAL IRISH FUSILIERS.
Shea, 20981 L.-Cpl. M. (Boston, America).

LEINSTER REGIMENT.
Donagher, 2262 Sgt. M. (Maryborough).

ROYAL MUNSTER FUSILIERS.
Fuller, 8502 P. (Dunedin, New Zealand).

RIFLE BRIGADE.
Belcher, 7160 G. (Belfast).

ARMY CYCLIST CORPS.
Shoobridge, 9859 W. R. (Dublin).

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.
Johnston, 60613 J. (Dublin).

WOUNDED, SHOCK-SHELL.

ROYAL DUBLIN FUSILIERS.
Redding, 10975 Bdmn. H. (Peckham, S.E.).

WOUNDED AND MISSING.

ROYAL IRISH FUSILIERS.
Harrison, 43164 J. (Dublin).

MISSING.

LEINSTER REGIMENT.
Morris, 10320 P. (Mountmellick).

Lieutenant-Colonel A. J. Campbell.—Lieutenant-Colonel A. J. Campbell, Indian Army, wounded in action, served in the three campaigns in Burma between 1891 and 1895, for which he holds the medal with three clasps. In 1897 he married a grand-daughter of the late General Ezekiel Gage, a celebrated Indian Army officer, of Rathlin Island, Co. Antrim.

Captain I. B. George.—A telegram has been received from Captain Ion Barry George, 2nd Royal Irish Regiment, announcing his transfer from Crefeld, Germany, to Mürren, Switzerland. Captain George was wounded severely and taken prisoner at Mons, August 23rd, 1914.

Baron Reuter.—News has been received of the death in action, while serving as a private in the Black Watch, of Baron Hubert de Reuter, only son of the late Baron de Reuter. He fell on November 13th in a gallant fight, in which he won high distinction for his adroitness, bravery, and self-sacrifice. He would have gained a very high decoration had he lived, writes his colonel. He was with his platoon in the attack, and through his courage and resource they captured ninety-seven Germans. The whole of the platoon went over the first line of German trenches into the second. De Reuter went down a twenty-foot dug-out, and shouted out in German asking if any men were there. No answer, so he threw two bombs round the corner, and came up two steps until they exploded. He then again shouted, "Anybody there?" Answer came, "One officer and thirty-five men." These he made file out past him. He then found that some Germans had been passed over in the first line, and were shooting from behind and from the right rear, so he put the German officer on the parapet, threatening him with his bayonet, and made him order the men to surrender. Sixty-two men came over. He then carried in three badly wounded men to cover under heavy machine gun fire, and went back over No Man's Land for the stretcher-bearers. He was hit on the way back, and was buried the next day. By his gallant conduct and daring example this one platoon (one sergeant and twenty men) captured one officer and ninety-seven men.

DUBLIN AND DISTRICT.

Royal Zoological Society of Ireland.—As a mark of respect to the late President of the Society, Mr. W. F. Peebles, whose death occurred on Thursday last, the usual Saturday breakfast and Council meeting will not take place this week. Mr. Peebles had been connected with the Society for 55 years, and took a keen personal interest in its welfare, and in promoting and carrying through new schemes for the benefit of the Gardens. The inauguration of a Members' Room and other improvements the Society owes to the practical interest he showed in its success during his long connection with it.

Blackrock College Union.—At a special meeting of the Blackrock College Union Committee, held at the Gresham Hotel on Friday, at which Sir Joseph A. Glynn presided, and at which Rev. H. O'Toole, C.S.Sp.; Messrs. John P. Butler, J.P.; A. P. Spain, T. J. Morrissey, John Healy, J. J. White, F. J. M. Eagar, Thomas F. Stack, B. F. Shields, M.A.; T. A. Murphy, Hon. Treas.; and Rev. Patrick Hayden, C.C., and T. S. Casey, B.A., LL.B., Hon. Secs., were present, the following resolution was proposed by Sir Joseph A. Glynn, seconded by Mr. John P. Butler, J.P., supported by Rev. H. O'Toole, C.S.Sp.; A. P. Spain, Rev. Patrick Hayden, C.C.; and Mr. B. F. Shields, M.A. (on behalf of the Galway Branch of the Union), and passed unanimously: "That the Committee of the Blackrock College Union have learned with great gratification of the appointment of Mr. James MacMahon, a past President and a most loyal member of the Union, to the position of Secretary of the Post Office in Ireland; and they beg to offer him their heartiest congratulations on his well-deserved promotion."

ROSSE COLLEGE,
STEPHEN'S GREEN, DUBLIN.
Principal—Sparkhall Brown, B.A.
The Morning and Afternoon Classes will resume on Thursday, Dec. 28, the Evening Classes on Monday, Jan. 1.—(Advt.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

OUR IRISH SOLDIERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—From a letter I received yesterday from a Colonel in the Royal Artillery I have copied the following passage. It will interest, I am convinced, not a few of your readers:—

"It is a pity that recruiting is so bad in Ireland, as the Irish regiments are really magnificent. The 16th South Irish Division took Guillemont after even the Guards had failed. Nothing could stop them except being killed dead; but they lost a lot of men. They were on our right, so I did not see them myself, but I heard a lot about it. Afterwards I met a wounded Munster officer in hospital—one of the few left alive—and he said that 'nothing scared them before, after, or during an attack; and all three phases are beastly.'"

Does it not seem absurd that certain newspapers and correspondents should persist in speaking of the non-enlisting Irishmen—250,000 in number—as "shirkers" and "cowards"? "Cowards" they certainly are not, as every honest man will gladly confess. But are they "shirkers"—that is, do they meanly and unfairly try to escape the performance of a manifest duty? I would say, No. They do not consider it their duty to fight the battles of England—a country they admittedly hate; nor do they feel in the least degree ashamed to admit their hatred. The sooner those who govern the Empire allow themselves to admit the fact, and openly acknowledge it, the better.

Major Redmond's conciliatory speech in the House the other day was mightily praised, but for what? He told us what we all knew—namely, that all Irishmen at the front are the best of friends. Have not Irishmen at the front been always good friends? He then suggested an early settlement of the Irish question, but he made no suggestion as to how it was to be settled—and he could so easily, were he in earnest, have done so. He might, for example, have promised that he would exert all his own influence to persuade the Roman Catholic Hierarchy and the Irish Nationalist Party (his own) to induce the many brave young Irishmen who are not now in the Army to enlist forthwith. Might he not have added that he would also do his own utmost to persuade the Nationalists to be satisfied with the offer made to them by Sir Edward Carson and the Covenanters during the past summer? The Major made neither these promises nor any other. He was perfectly true to his brother and his party. Why the Unionists should have approved his speech so much is to me a mystery.—Yours, etc.,

MAURICE C. HIME, LL.D.

December 21st, 1916.

THE IRISH QUESTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES

SIR,—As there seems to be some prospect of serious effort to bring about a settlement of our Irish difficulty, may I suggest consideration of the present positions of the Lord Lieutenant and the Chief Secretary? I believe that since the Union the functions of both have been most materially altered, and that neither office now fulfils its proper part in cementing the Union. The office of the Lord Lieutenant has been degraded into the mere shadow of a figure-head. The Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant is not the representative and mouthpiece of the Irish Government in the Cabinet at Westminster, but the mouthpiece of the Cabinet at Westminster in Ireland.

If the functions of the Lord Lieutenant were what they might be, there seems to me to be no sufficient reason why, so long as Ulster, or part of Ulster, chooses to remain outside any scheme of Home Rule, the Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant should not lay before the Crown the decisions of a Parliament at Dublin, and, equally as Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant and representative of the Irish Government, conduct the bills relating to Ulster through the Cabinet at Westminster. The unity of Ireland would be preserved. The Irish Executive should meet with no insurmountable difficulties. But let us have a Royal Prince as Lord Lieutenant and an Irishman as Chief Secretary.—Yours, etc.,

"EMERITUS."

Co. Wexford, December 21st, 1916.

DENOMINATIONALISM IN IRELAND.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—"Man in the Street" appears to write on this subject with the airy irresponsibility of ignorance. If he imagines that the children of numerically unimportant minorities can be safely mixed with strong and often intolerant majorities, he is theorising apart from facts. He is in similar case if he thinks it possible to indulge in the indiscriminate grouping of the different elements in a community without injury to religion. Owing to the more equal representation of the Churches in England Parliament has been able to thrust all together into the State schools, but anyone who has studied the question knows the deplorable religious ignorance which results.

There is but a single standpoint from which "Man in the Street's" letter might have value of a sinister kind. If he desires the extinction of minorities, and the banishment of religion, he has made a good choice of weapons.—Yours, etc.,

"EDUCATION."

Dublin, December 22nd, 1916.

CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Christmas is at hand and the joyous season calls for good cheer. The warmth of human nature must spread a mantle of kindness and stimulate good-will in the hearts of all around us. While welcoming Christmas ourselves, we are gratified in hearing of generous acts that will ensure a bright and happy time.

Holly and ivy make the heart glad with joy, reminding us of the Christmas stocking and recalling sunny faces, many of whose owners are now grown up, and are sad and lonely in a distant country. Father Christmas will not forget the children at home. Will they each contribute their mite towards a present for our noble soldiers? Memories of home prompt them to achieve marvellous feats, and we want each and all to receive a happy message on Christmas Day. Young people can do a great deal, and they are asked to lend a helping hand in conveying Christmas greetings to our good friends far away.—Yours, etc.,

"CHARITY."

December 22nd, 1916.

GAS-STOVE RENTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—The gas-stove rental in Dublin is at the moment pressing. I fully support the various letters suggesting that every user of a cooker should refuse to pay the increase demanded, and allow the company to act. I do not know the existing terms of hire, but I do know that the rent is collected quarterly. In the absence of a clause to the contrary, consumers are entitled to a full quarter's notice to alter or terminate the letting, and that dating from a quarter day. I suggest that every consumer who has received notice should reply declining to pay the increase, stating that when the company legally terminate the hire agreement they can remove their cooker, and notifying them that, should they illegally remove the stove, they will be held responsible. The present autocratic management will, like the Berlin All Highest, see that they are beaten. Already the olive branch of peace has been issued by advertisement offering to sell the cookers and wipe out the rental. Let no consumer accept such a proposal. Antiquated and worn-out cookers after sixteen years' service are only fit for old age pensions.

I would suggest further that all gas consumers should combine, appoint a good committee to investigate in their interests all gas questions, and see that the consumers are getting what they are entitled to. Anyone who uses gas at present will admit that electricity is preferable. Electricity has ousted gas for lighting and small power purposes; suction gas, costing about 4d. *per* thousand, supplies heavy power. The Gas Company are dependent upon consumption of gas for cooking and heating, a very convenient, but expensive, method. If this ceases, they may close down.—Yours, etc.,

T. PICTON BRADSHAW.

Mount Temple, Clontarf, Dublin,
December 22nd, 1916.

A PLEA FOR THE DOG.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES

SIR,—The attention of the Dublin Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has been called to the great, but, perhaps, unintentional, cruelty occasioned by the owners of dogs, who persist in taking them out with them during the crush of the Christmas shopping. The poor animals are trodden upon, hustled, and not infrequently run over by motors and cars. I feel sure that an appeal to their commonsense and affection for their animals will not be without effect in causing a discontinuance of this practice.—Yours, etc.,

FREEMAN W. DEANE, Hon. Secretary.
Dublin Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, 38 Westmoreland street,
Dublin, December 22nd, 1916.

CAROLS IN CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

At Evensong at 4 p.m. to-morrow Carols will be sung by the Cathedral choir. The following is the selection:—(1) A Virgin Most Pure (with the tune in its original modal form); (2) The Babe in Bethlehem's Manger Laid; (3) The First Nowell (the tune is cleverly treated in Canon by Martin Shaw); (4) Good Christian Men (the last verse to J. S. Bach's setting); (5) Unto us is born a Son (tune from Piæ Cantiones, 1582). In all the settings of the Carols the Victorian harmonisations have been discarded, as they are quite at variance with the "sturdy peasant note that is so characteristic of them." The settings used are edited by Martin Shaw and Dr. Dearmer.

G. N. RAILWAY CLERKSHIPS.
Exam. Announced for 7th February.
Last exam. Successful from SKERRY'S COLLEGE, 76 Stephen's Green, Dublin—Messrs. McGuinness, Argue, and Elley. Previous exam.—Messrs. Kavanagh, Prole, Moore, Wisdom, and Ballantine. Specialised Postal Tuition for Provincial Students.—(Advt.)

Fashionable Intelligence

The Earl and Countess of Dartrey have arrived at Dartrey, Monaghan, where they will spend Christmas.

The Countess of Huntingdon has arrived at Sharavogue from London.

The Dowager Countess of Desart has arrived in London from Aut Even, Kilkenny.

The Earl of Dunraven arrived on Tuesday at Adare Manor, County Limerick, where he will remain over Christmas.

Viscount Hood has left London for Ireland.

Viscount Glentworth is staying at Dromore, County Limerick, for a few days.

Lady Muriel Close, who has been staying in London, has returned to County Down.

The Hon. Georgina O'Brien, who has been in Dublin for a week, has returned to London.

A marriage has been arranged, and will shortly take place, between Maurice Drummond, M.D., 22 Upper Fitzwilliam street, Dublin, son of His Honour Judge Drummond, and Beatrix Mary, only daughter of Captain O'Reilly, D.L., Rathaldron Castle, Co. Meath.

Thousands of Useful Gifts at Switzer's. Warehouse Open till 10 o'clock p.m. this evening.—W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 South Great George's street.

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Amongst the visitors staying at the Grand Hotel, Malahide, during the past week were the following:—Mr. John T. Ray, Mrs. John T. Ray, Mr. W. John Braithwaite, Mr. Patrick Clarke, Mr. Charles G. Lowry, Mr. William Arthur Gill, Mrs. William Arthur Gill, Mr. Charles H. Reckman, Mr. Edward H. Pearson, Mrs. Amy E. Pearson, Mrs. Isabel Ievers Clery, Miss Dora Isabel Massey.

Arrivals at Kingstown per Royal Mail steamers, 22nd December.—The Lord Lieutenant, James Lardner, M.P.; Lieutenant A. E. Nesbitt, R.E.; Second Lieutenant B. Somerville, R.F.C.; Captain J. H. Davys, R.A.M.C.; Lieutenant J. Kirkwood, Captain W. M. O'Kelly, A.S.C.; William Doris, M.P.; Captain K. W. Jones, D.S.O., R.A.M.C.; Captain Kean, R.A.M.C.; Captain E. G. Fenton, Captain C. H. Petherick, Captain P. A. Earle, Second Lieutenant C. Kelly, Lieutenant R. F. Seddall, Captain Cruess Callaghan, Major and Mrs. Chesnutt-Chesney, Major and Mrs. Conner, T. M. Healy, K.C., M.P.; General Sandbach, General Fawcett, Lord Hastings, Lieutenant H. Dacre, R.N.R.; Lieutenant Harold E. Bonnn, R.M.L.I.; Lieutenant J. M. Geraty, Dr. and Mrs. N. Keating, Earl of Enniskillen, George Hutton, Mrs. Matterson, J. S. Matterson, W. S. Matterson, Rev. Thomas A. Molony, Rev. M. J. Dunne, E. J. Burke, R.F.C.; Walter Luke, R.F.C.; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Dyas, Charles S. Morewood, L.D.S., R.C.S.I.; H. L. Gerrard, C. E. Walsh, J. J. Swaine, Philip Lawless, T. Collet, Harry Forman, T. Phillips, Edmund Burke, A. Leader Cruice, A. Magawly Banon, H. E. Fay, B. Jinks, C. H. Moran, J. Kirkland, J. B. Leslie-Ellis, Lady Pole-Carew, Miss M. A. Hughes, Miss K. Cooper-Chadwick, Mrs. Percival Jones, Miss Jones, Miss P. L. Pyke, Conrad C. Betts, Miss London, Miss N. O'Carroll, Misses Pyne, Miss N. Banon, Miss K. Mahony, Miss Peacocke, Miss N. Forman, Miss A. Sullivan, Miss E. Sullivan, John R. Reynolds, Miss B. Murphy, Miss O'Donnell, Mr. and Mrs. H. Mayne, Miss Mayne, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Linning, Captain Graham, Captain Byrne.

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To LADIES—Ladies' Department for Medical Appliances of all kinds.—Fannin and Co., 41 Grafton st.

ELECTRICAL POWER IN IRELAND.

DEVELOPMENT OF COAL AND PEAT INDUSTRIES.

At a meeting of the Institution of Electrical Engineers (Dublin Local Section), held at the College of Science, Upper Merrion street, last night, Captain Webber, R.E., in the chair, an interesting paper was read by Mr. J. P. Tierney, M.Inst. E.E., on "The Use of Electricity for the Industrial Development of Ireland." Mr. Tierney, in the course of his paper, said that there was a marked contrast between the industrial and mineral development of England and Ireland during the past 60 years. Whilst the mineral and industrial resources of England had been developed to their fullest, the corresponding resources in Ireland had hardly been considered. It was rather remarkable that nearly all the electrical power supply of this country was obtained from sea-borne fuel, the cost of which had, as compared with England, been very high when delivered at the power station. The labour and transit conditions of the past two years had aggravated this drawback—in fact, in most cases the cost of sea-borne coal was to-day double what it was at the outbreak of the war. Having referred to the advance in the use of electricity in farming operations in Germany and Canada, he pointed out that in 1911 the Ontario Provincial Legislature had passed a law to enable the Hydro-Electric Commissioners to distribute electrical energy to the residents of the rural districts, and an extensive campaign of education had been carried out amongst the farmers of the province. With reference to the supply of Irish coal, although about 95,000 tons were mined in Ireland in 1914, in no single instance was there a main line railway siding into any Irish coal mine, which necessitated their being worked by road carts, a condition of things which must be regarded as a huge joke by any English colliery owner. The result was that at the present time the people of Dublin were paying 45s. per ton for coal, whereas Irish coal was being sold at the pit's mouth in Athy for 15s. per ton, the actual distance from Athy to Dublin being 45 miles. It might be stated that the handicap to the development of Irish coal in Ireland was not cheap power, but cheap transit; but a supply of cheap power in a country supplied the first necessity for cheap transit, as it enabled lines to be worked electrically at a figure very much less than steam operation. He held that they as a country should adopt appliances suitable for the consumption of native coal as soon as they found that this could be utilised satisfactorily, at a proper price, when proper transit facilities were given. Some time ago the Government appointed an Advisory Committee for Scientific and Industrial Research, the duty of this Committee being to promote and organise scientific research, with a special view to its application to the industries of the country. He would suggest that some money should be devoted for the purpose of ascertaining the exact value of Irish coal. Once this information was definitely known, it became a simple proposition to estimate the price at which the coal could be delivered at any centre and to decide the most beneficial means of getting the full value out of the fuel. As to the development of the peat industry, it would appear that the only proper lines for development were the erection of a power station practically in the centre of the peat area, as it was obviously less expensive to transmit electric current in a wire than it was to transmit fuel in railway waggons, and further, the current when transmitted to the point where the power was to be made use of for industrial purposes could be utilised with less capital expenditure, and more efficiently than fuel delivered at the same point. The question of the utilisation of Irish peat for power production was one to which he would suggest that the Local Section of the Institution should riect the attention of the Government Advisory Committee for Scientific and Industrial Research work, that they should recommend Parliament to vote a sum of money for research work in this direction. There were very large areas of bog in Ireland, some of the largest existing within 30 miles of Dublin, and apart from the benefits derived from obtaining cheap power from peat, they must not overlook the advantage of the area of ground reclaimable for tillage and agriculture. He thought the supply of power in any State was of equal importance to the transit facilities. The present was truly the electrical age, and there was a general feeling that more facilities for the development of Irish industries and mineral resources would be given in the future than in the unfortunate history of the past. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. A. E. Porte proposed, and Mr. Tatlow seconded, a cordial vote of thanks to the lecturer.

Mr. David Sherlock, in supporting the motion, which was carried with acclamation, said Mr. Tierney had referred to the Advisory Committee for Scientific Research, and in connection with the development of the peat industry had expressed the hope that some money was available. He (Mr. Sherlock) had been present at a meeting at the Department, at which they discussed the problem of the peat bogs and other matters, and he could tell them that a sum of £1,000,000 had been allocated to these purposes, and he hoped that their Society would enjoy a part of that considerable sum of money. (Hear, hear.) It had been suggested that there was nothing in peat, but he thought it was as true to say that there was everything in peat, including snagnum moss, now so much used in dressing the wounds of soldiers; peat moss litter, spirit for driving motors, and material which could be woven into clothing.

CAVAN ROYAL SCHOOL.

The Board of the above school met in Cavan on Wednesday, the Bishop of Kilmore in the chair. The Inspector's report was very satisfactory, and the Board expressed its appreciation of the Headmaster's successful management of the school. In 1913 the number of pupils was 20, while for the current year the number had risen to 55. A pleasing feature in the Headmaster's report was the statement that the boys voluntarily handed over the amount of their prizes, £3 5/-, to the County Branch of the Red Cross Society. Many improvements had been carried out during the year, and the school had been absolutely free from illness as in former years, while the comfort of the pupils had been most carefully attended to in every way.

Porridge and Premiers.

In the House of Lords,
Lord LOVAT said Oatmeal was used extensively as a food in Scotland and the North of England.
The Times.

From the year 1892 to Mr. Asquith's retirement this month the Premiership of the United Kingdom has been held by Scots and North of England men, all being representatives of Scotch constituencies—Gladstone (1892), Rosebery (1894), Balfour (1902), Campbell-Bannerman (1905), and Asquith (1908).

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Tallaght, Rathcoole, and Clondalkin Branch, per Mrs. Anthony Maude:—

	£	s.	d.
Proceeds American Sale, Tallaght Rectory (per Mrs. A. Maude)	11	16	0
Half Result of Jumble Sale held in Clondalkin	19	3	3
Lady Dixon	3	0	0
N. F. Archdale, Esq.	2	0	0
C. Roche, Esq.	2	2	0
W. A. and Miss Murphy	1	0	0
Canon Baxter, P.P.	0	10	0
Colonel Finlay	0	10	0
Messrs. Pim	0	10	0
Mrs. R. Sweetman	0	5	0
E. B. R. Kelly, Esq.	5	0	0
G. P. A. Colley, Esq.	5	0	0
Colonel H. T. Finlay, D.L.	2	2	0
Captain Maude	2	2	0
Mrs. Maude (member's subscription)	1	1	0
Mrs. Cane	1	0	0
Mrs. Clayton	1	0	0
Mrs. T. Clayton	1	0	0
Lady Kennedy	1	0	0
The Misses Ponsonby (associates' subscriptions)	0	10	0
The Misses Walsh (associates' subscriptions)	0	10	0
Miss E. Archdale (associate's subscription)	0	5	0
Mrs. W. J. Walsh (associate's subscription)	0	5	0
Miss M. Keogh (associate's subscription)	0	5	0
Mrs. Lefroy (associate's subscription)	0	5	0
Alfred Darley, Esq.	1	0	0
Maurice Headlin, Esq.	0	10	0
R. K. Kennedy, Esq.	0	10	6
Mrs. Drury (collecting box)	1	11	9
Mrs. Dockeray (collection)	0	7	9
	£66	1	3
Proceeds Auction and Sale held in Swanlinbar by Mrs. Robert Hutton, Tircahan Lodge, Swanlinbar, and Mrs. R. E. S. Johnstone, Swanlinbar	35	0	0
Prize Money, Boys of St. Andrew's College and Rathgar Boys' Preparatory School	30	0	0
Further instalment Proceeds Baldoyle Red Cross Race Meeting, per R. M'K. Waters, Esq.	24	4	0
Messrs. Pim Bros. and Co., Ltd.	21	0	0

Swords District, per the Lady Talbot de Malahide:—

	£	s.	d.
Miss Draper Newman (associate's subscription)	0	5	0

Portmarnock, per Mrs. Maunsell:—

	£	s.	d.
T. Plunkett, Esq. (associate's subscription)	0	5	0
Mrs. T. Plunkett (member's subscription)	1	1	0
Miss Plunkett (associate's subscription)	0	5	0
Miss C. Plunkett (associate's subscription)	0	5	0
Miss M. Plunkett (member's subscription)	0	5	0
Mrs. Barry (associate's subscription)	0	5	0
F. Barry, Esq. (associate's subscription)	0	5	0
— Mathieson, Esq. (associate's subscription)	0	5	0
Mrs. Willan (associate's subscription)	0	5	0
Miss K. Browne Clayton (associate's subscription)	0	5	0
Mrs. Maunsell (associate's subscription)	0	5	0
— Maunsell, Esq.	0	5	0
Mrs. Cusack (associate's subscription)	0	5	0
Major Cusack (associate's subscription)	0	5	0
	£4	6	0

St. Doloogh's, per Mrs. Hone:—

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Hone	5	0	0
Miss Nichol	1	0	0
Collected locally	0	13	0
	£6	13	0

Kilsallaghan, per Mrs. F. Cosgrave:—

	£	s.	d.
Mrs. Wm. Bate (Member's subscription)	1	1	0
Mrs. Baker	0	2	6
Miss Baker	0	2	6
Mrs. Whitmore	0	2	6
Patrick Dunn	0	1	0
	£1	9	6

Malahide:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Chas. H. Dillon, Esq.	2	2	0	14	15	6
Thos. Jackson, Esq., annual subs.				5	0	0
Mrs. Maurice F. Fitzgerald—"Sale of Superfluities," A.D.G.	2	2	0			
Prisoners of War	2	2	0	4	4	0
Killester Parish Gift Day, per Rev. F. Fairley				3	5	0
Chaloner Farrell and Snow				2	4	10
Joseph T. Pim, Esq.				2	2	0
P. A. Hamilton Reid, Esq. (subs.)				2	2	0
Proceeds Football Match held at Athlone, per Lieut. J. Scoffield, R.F.A.				1	13	0
Herbert G. Daly, Esq. (Member's subscription)				1	1	0
F. C. Joynt, Esq.				1	0	0
Messrs. Mitchell (collecting boxes)				0	17	11½
United Kingdom Commercial Travellers' Association (collecting boxes)				0	15	4½
Sale of golliwogs made by schoolgirls				0	7	0
Miss A. C. Tuthill (Associate's subscription)				0	5	0
Pte. W. L. Gliddon, Dorset Regt., B.E.F.				0	4	0
				£216	1	11

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The Joint Depot will be closed from 23rd inst. to the 27th inst., both dates inclusive.
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WOOLLEN GARMENTS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—May I again, through the columns of your paper, bring to the notice of our ever-generous friends the pressing need for an increased supply of woollen garments in our Depot?

We especially ask for socks, mufflers, helmets, caps, operation socks, and bed socks.—Yours, etc.,

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December 22nd, 1916.

THE VEGETABLE PRODUCTS COMMITTEE (IRISH BRANCH).

The hon. officers have pleasure in stating that, by the generous help of many kind donors, they were able to despatch yesterday 343 plum puddings to the seven Irish Naval Bases, particulars of which will appear later.

VEGETABLE PRODUCTS COMMITTEE (IRELAND).
BLACKROCK BRANCH.

Mrs. G. F. Healy (Hon. Secretary), Peafield, Blackrock, wishes to acknowledge with grateful thanks the following kind subscriptions and gifts to the Plum Pudding Fund for the Sailors of the Royal Navy stationed at the Irish Bases (86 puddings—296lbs. net weight) were despatched. Special thanks are due to the ladies who kindly made the puddings:—Miss Sullivan and Students of the Alexandra College Cooking Class; Mrs. R. Johnson and Miss Green; and to Messrs William Bolton and Co., who supplied the cases, packed the puddings, and delivered them at the North Wall. Subscriptions:—Per Miss Sheriff, 17/6. 10/- each—Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Wynne, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Mocran, Mrs. W. Smith, F. Saville, Esq.; Mrs. Huet, the Archdeacon of Meath, William Bolton, Esq.; Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Hooper, Mrs. Darley, Mrs. Harding's Working Party, Mrs. Kertland. Miss Foxall, 6/-. 5/- each—Mrs. Sarratt, Mrs. Healey, Ion Phillips, Esq., W. S. Hosford, Esq.; Mrs. Hyde Perrott, Mrs. Tottenham Smith, William Dall, Esq.; Mrs. Willington, W. E. Huet, Esq.; Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Heenan, Mrs. Weber Smith, Mrs. G. W. Healy, Mrs. Saville, Mrs. Beatty, Mrs. Green. 4/—Mrs. Findlater. 2/6 each—Mrs. Nash, Mrs. Peacocke, Mrs. Baskin, F. G. Healey, Esq.; Mrs. A. B. Orr, Miss Robertson, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. MacDonogh, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. Levingston. 2/—Mrs. Dowse; Mrs. G. F. Healy, £1; Mrs. J. Heenan, plum pudding; Mrs. Mandy, flour and currants; Mrs. Crabbe, flour; Messrs. Findlater and Co., Blackrock, raisins.

M'GUIRE'S COLLEGE, DUBLIN.

This college celebrated last evening what may be called a double event. It had come of age, and was fortunate in being able to commemorate the event by producing an unprecedented success list. The Principal, Mr. Moorhead, referred to the many distinctions obtained during the year, and congratulated the students on some outstanding successes—for instance, the first Dublin place obtained in the Female Learner Examination which was the only vacancy, and several best results in female typist and boy clerk examinations. The Principal referred especially to the *esprit de corps* which characterised the whole relations between staff and pupils, as evidenced by the tokens of gratitude so generously presented. The proceedings terminated with a concert and dance, in contributing to the success of which almost everybody assisted. Miss Colley, Miss Rumball, Miss McIntosh and her young brother obtained special applause.

ST. JAMES'S PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS, DUBLIN.

The annual concert in connection with St. James's National Schools was held in the Parochial Schoolhouse, South Circular road, Dublin, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. The entertainment was a decided success, both as regards the number present and the excellent programme provided. The programme consisted of pianoforte selections, vocal solos, action songs, physical drill, etc., interspersed with sketches, and the seasonable play called "Little Red Riding Hood." All these items were rendered in a most effective manner, and evoked hearty applause. Special thanks are due to Miss Daly and the Misses Sargeant and Barnet, who were mainly responsible for organising the concert; also to the following artists:—The Misses E. Husband, M. Copeman, O. Gilbert, F. Glasgow, V. Stone, E. Falkiner, R. Copeman, D. Reeves, M. Tomlinson, F. Yarnell, M. Williamson, A. Marno, H. Carter, L. Twamley, L. Purcell, E. Kinmoth, K. Hunt, H. Gray, G. Hopkins, L. Geelan, M. Tapley, E. Pilkington, O. Harris, E. Dolan, and H. Carroll. At the commencement of the concert on Tuesday evening the pupils presented Miss Daly, the principal of the girls' school, with a very handsome silver rose-bowl as a token of their affection and appreciation.

THE AMERICAN MARKETS.

STOCKS CLOSED STRONG.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

NEW YORK, FRIDAY.

The Coffee, Sugar, Produce, and all Grain Exchanges will be closed to-morrow.

Stocks showed good recoveries, and there was none of yesterday's wildness and excitement on to-day's market. Bear aggression made but little headway, and the closing was strong. Government Bonds steady, Railroad Bonds firm.

Gains—Atchison Topeka Common, 2¼; Atlantic Coast Line Common, 1½; Baltimore Common, 1½; Canadian Pacific, Lehigh Valley Shares, Southern Railway Prefd., Wabash Pref., and Ontario and Western, 1½; Chesapeake Ohio Common and International Mercantile Marine Common, 2½; Chicago Great Western Pref., Great Northern Ore Certificates, and Chicago Rock Island, 3; Chicago Milwaukee Common and Northern Pacific Common, 2½; Chicago North-Western Ord., Louisville, and Texas Pacific, 1; Bethlehem Steel Common 25; Denver Pref. and Consolidated Gas, 3½; Erie 1st Pref., General Electric, and National Lead, 4; Great Northern Pref., 2; Illinois Central and New York Central, 2½; Interborough Consolidated Common, 1½; Missouri Kansas Common, ⅞; Norfolk Western Common, 3½; Pennsylvania Shares ⅞; American Smelting and Refining Common and Reading Common, 3½; Southern Railway Shares, 2½; Southern Pacific, 2½; Union Pacific Common, 3½; American Smelting and Refining Prefd., 1½; Anaconda Copper, 5½; Utah Copper, 6½; Steel Common, 6; Steel Prefd., 1½; British-American Tobacco, ½; International Mercantile Marine Prefd., 7, and Missouri Pacific, 1½.

Losses—Erie General Lien and Reading 1st Prefd., 1, and Union Pacific Prefd., ¼.

Money firm. Sterling exchange easy. Silver commercial bars ⅛c. down.

CLOSING PRICES:—

Eng. Parity.	Stocks	Closing Bid Prices. Thur.	Fri.
104¾	U.S. 2% Funded	99¾	99¾
109¼	Atch. Top., Santa Fe.	101¾	103⅛
103⅛	Do. Preferred	100⅜	100⅜
99⅞	Do. New 4% Gen Mt.	94⅜	94⅜
108¼	Do. 4% Con. Bds.	103⅜	103⅜
88⅜	Baltimore and Ohio	82	83⅞
78⅝	Do. Preferred	74¾	74⅞
172½	Canadian Pacific	162⅝	164⅛
95⅛	Chic. Mil. & St. Paul	89	91⅛
130⅝	Do. Preferred	124	124
189	Chic. & N.W. Pref.	*173	*183
36⅛	Chic. Rock I. & Pacific	31½	34⅜
18⅜	Denver & Rio Grande	17⅛	17⅜
41⅞	Do. Preferred	36	39½
36⅝	Erie Railroad	33⅛	34⅞
51⅛	Do. 1st Preferred	45	49
75⅛	Do. Lien Bonds	73	72
111½	Illinois Central	104	106⅛
137⅜	Louisville & Nashville	130	139
13⅛	Miss'ri, Kan. & Texas	10⅛	11⅛
56⅜	Do 2nd Mt. 4% G. Bs	53¼	53¾
35⅛	Missouri Pacific (New)	32⅛	34⅛
109⅜	N.Y. Ctl. & Hudson R	101⅛	104
142½	Norfolk & Westn. Com.	132	135¾
143⅜	Do. 4% Con Bds.	136⅛	136⅞
31⅛	Ontario & Western	28	29⅜
59⅜	Pennsylvania Shares	55⅝	56⅞
109⅜	Reading Shares	101	104⅞
46	Do. 1st Preferred	45	44
100⅛	Do. 4% Mort.	95⅛	95⅞
34⅞	Southern Railway	30⅛	32⅛
72⅛	Do. Preferred	67⅛	69⅛
101⅜	Southern Pacific	94⅛	97⅛
154⅜	Union Pacific	143⅛	147⅜
87⅛	Do. Preferred	83⅛	83
15⅜	Wabash New	14⅛	15
59⅜	Do. Preferred A	54⅛	56⅛
141⅛	New York Cons Gas	130⅜	134⅞
112⅞	U.S. Steel Common	101	107
124⅞	Do. Preferred	117	118⅛
—	Silver Commerc'l Bars	76⅛	75⅛

* asked. † ex div.

The London parity prices are quoted at the current rate of exchange but no account is taken of the cost of insurance.

	Thursday.	Friday.
Call Money	4½ bid 5 ask	2½ bid 3 ask
Ex. on London, 60days' sight	4.71.50	4.71.25
Cable Transfers	4.76.45	4.76.35
Ex. on Paris, sight	5.84⅛	5.84⅛
Ex. on Berlin, sight	75⅛	74⅛
Cotton, Middling, Upland	16.70	16.20
Petroleum, Refined, in cases	10.75	11.75
Petroleum, Standard, White	—	—
Petroleum, Pipe Line Certs.	—	—
Spirits of Turpentine	55¼	55¼
Lard, Prime Western Steam	16.72½	16.95
Tallow, Special	12	12
Sugar Centrifugal (duty paid)	5.14	5.9
Corn, Western No. 2 Mixed	Nominal.	Nominal.
Wheat, Spring, New Crop	191	186
Do. No. 2 Hard Winter	166	176
Coffee, Rio, No. 7	9¾	9¾
Flour, Spring Wheat, Clears New	7.50 7.70	7.50 7.70
Iron, No. 2 Northern Foundry	—	—
Tin, Straits	*41.75	*40.75
Copper, Electrolytic, 1st three quarters	30½ 32½	30½ 32½
Freight, Grain, steamers to Liverpool, per bushel	Nominal.	Nominal.
Freight, Grain, steamers to London, per bushel	—	—
Freight, Cotton, to Liverpool	225c.	225c.
PHILADELPHIA		
Petroleum, Standard White	—	—
NEW ORLEANS		
Cotton, Middling	17.25	17.25
SAVANNAH		
Spirits of Turpentine	52¼	52¼

* Asked.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

NEW YORK, FRIDAY.

WHEAT—Spots strong.
CORN—spot firm, but nominal.
COFFEE advanced on favourable Brazilian markets, and declined on liquidation, and closed barely steady.

	Jan.	Mar.
To-day	8.45	8.61

COTTON advanced on firm cables, and fluctuated later, finally rising under covering, and closing steady. Spot quiet.

	Jan.	Mar.
To-day	16.06	16.31

Receipts—Atlantic, 7,000; Gulf, 14,000; Pacific, 15,000. Exports—Britain, 13,000; Continent, 26,000; Japan, 9,000.

COTTON OIL closed at irregular changes; yellow spot 12.40, March 12.11. PETROLEUM—Refined steady. LARD—Cash firm, 22½ points up. TALLOW steady. FLOUR firm. SUGAR easy. TIN weak. IRON firm. COPPER irregular.

CHICAGO, FRIDAY.

The Chicago Board of Trade will be closed to-morrow, and will not reopen until next Tuesday.

WHEAT opened steady, 1⅛c. to ⅞c. up, and went higher on rumours of export business, smaller internal receipts, and bull support; then temporarily reacted on better weather in the Argentine, favourable crop reports in the South-West, later North-West market news, increased North-West movement, outsiders holding off, and selling pressure; but again improved on a better cash demand, export business, and covering. The market closed strong, 4⅛c. to 2⅞c. up.

	Dec.	May.	July.
To-day	158⅛	168	138⅛
Previous day	154⅛	163⅜	135⅛

MOVEMENTS OF GRAIN (IN THOUSANDS).

	This Year.	Last Year.	This Season.	Last Season.
WHEAT. Receipts—Western Ports.	483	2310	240299	317082
CORN. Receipts—Western Ports.	709	984	97516	91555

CORN opened easy, ⅜c. to ⅛c. lower, and weakened further early on better weather, realising and commission house selling; then rallied quickly under bullish cables, smaller interior movement, and bull support. The market closed firm, ⅛c. to 1⅛c. up.

	Dec.	May.	July.
To-day	92¼	93⅛	92⅛
Previous day	91⅛	92⅛	91⅛

OATS firm, ⅜c. to 1c. dearer.

	Dec.	May.	July.
To-day	49⅛	53⅛	51
Previous day	48⅛	52⅛	50

PROVISIONS opened dull, and improved on a fair cash demand and peace talk. Shorts were covering and packers and grain people buying, and the market closed steady, with lard 20 to 10 up, pork 5 to 35, and ribs 12½ points higher.

LARD—

	Dec.	Jan.	May.
To-day	16.50	15.72½	15.10
Previous day	16.35	15.52½	16.00

PORK—

	Dec.	Jan.	May.
To-day	27.50	27.10	25.82½
Previous day	27.45	25.75	25.50

RIBS—

	Jan.	May.
To-day	13.87½	14.07½
Previous day	13.75	14.15

BACON firm, 7½ to 12½ points dearer. Receipts of hogs at 15 principal Western centres including Chicago, since November 1st, total 6,455,000, against 6,891,000 last year. To-morrow's receipts of hogs at Chicago are estimated at 20,000.

HOGS firm, 15 to 10 points up.

	Short Rib Sides. Drysalted, loose.		HOGS. Light.		Heavy.	
To-day	13.12½	13.75	9.50	10.20	9.90	10.45
Previous day	13.05	13.62½	9.35	10.10	9.80	10.35

Receipts—Western 110,000, last year 77,000; Chicago 30,000, last year 17,000.

TRINITY COLLEGE CHAPEL.

There will be choral matins, anthem, and Holy Communion in Trinity College Chapel on Christmas morning at 9.45 o'clock. There will be no sermon. The chapel will be open to all who desire to attend.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

On Christmas Day the Archbishop of Dublin will preach at the Morning Service at 11.15. The collections on that day will be in aid of the poor parishes in the neighbourhood of the Cathedral.

CHARLESTON ROAD METHODIST CHURCH.

"The Wonder of the Ages" will be the theme of the Rev. James M. Alley's sermon to-morrow evening in Charleston road Church, Rathmines. Following this Service, there will be a Praise Service of Christmas music. The soloists will include Miss Griffin, Lieutenant H. Murphy, and Mr. W. T. Clark. Mr. W. McCausland Sherwood will preside at the organ. The choir will also take part in the Service.

L.G.B. and Medical Appointments.—The Local Government Board have refused to sanction the appointment made by the Letterkenny Guardians of Dr. McGinley (22), as permanent medical officer of the Letterkenny dispensary district. The Board adheres to its policy of declining to sanction the appointment of a permanent medical officer during the war.

THE CASE FOR PROHIBITION

STILL BEING SUPPORTED BY FALSE STATEMENTS AND MISLEADING FIGURES

THE "Strength of Britain Movement," on their own admission, stand convicted of employing, so far as the Distillation of Spirits in the United Kingdom is concerned, alleged facts and figures that are entirely misrepresentative of the true position and which are grossly misleading to the general public.

The Distillers of the United Kingdom have not ventured into the Advertising World for mere sake of controversy. Under ordinary circumstances they would have allowed this Prohibition Propaganda to pass unnoticed, had it been conducted upon truthful and legitimate lines; but the Public now know that the case for Prohibition has been and still is being built upon facts and figures which are exaggerated and, in a great degree, untruthful.

A CATALOGUE OF MIS-STATEMENTS

IN an extravagant and Money Wasting Campaign the Sponsors of the "Strength of Britain Movement" originally founded their case for Prohibition upon facts and figures such as (1) Waste of Man Power (2) Waste of Shipping Space (3) Waste of Grain and Sugar (4) Waste of Coal (5) The methods of France and Russia. Since the public have been informed by the Distillers of the United Kingdom of the inaccuracy of such facts and figures, the "Strength of Britain Movement" have had to re-model their line of attack.

THE TRUTH REGARDING SPIRITS

THE Distillers of the United Kingdom have produced official facts and figures which cannot be challenged. The Distilling Industry have proved that instead of contributing to a state of inefficiency, they are an active factor in helping the Country to Win the War. They have shown that at least 86 per cent. of the entire output of the Distilleries of the United Kingdom is being, or will shortly be appropriated for Munitions and essential Industrial purposes, and having done so, they have knocked the bottom out of the Prohibition Case for the shutting down of Distilleries.

THE PROHIBITIONISTS CLIMB DOWN

IN their so-called reply to the Distillers, the Prohibitionists admit the Truth thus:—

"It is quite true that the Government has commandeered 70% of "the output of Alcohol for the vital purpose of Munitions. Our "aim is to secure the remaining 30% also being devoted to the "same purpose."

This is indeed a significant confession, likewise a miserable ending to their Campaign of misleading facts and figures, but nevertheless it is not "the whole truth." For there never has been any question of alcohol being "commandeered" by the Government. Indeed for the last twelve months the Distillers have been working in close co-operation with the Ministry of Munitions, and no pressure ever has, or ever will be, necessary to ensure the Distillers whole-hearted co-operation.

The Prohibitionists have already been informed that the Government and other necessary Industrial requirements will, before the end of the year, actually reach 86 per cent. of the output of the Distilleries of the United Kingdom, leaving only 14 per cent. available for ultimate human consumption. Even this small percentage is at the disposal of the Government should they deem it necessary for their requirements.

SEPARATING TRUTH FROM FICTION

SO far as the Distilling Industry of the United Kingdom is concerned, the Prohibitionists on their own confession are guilty of an unscrupulous attempt to mislead the Public to this extent, that **86 per cent. of their charges in respect to the waste of Man Power, Grain, Shipping and Coal are untrue, and as regards Sugar not a single figure attributing Waste can be applied to Spirits, simply on account of the fact that, according to Official Returns for the year ending 30th September, 1916, the total quantity of Sugar used in the manufacture of Spirits was 34 cwts.**

THE REAL AIM OF PROHIBITIONISTS

HAVING been found out in their misguiding campaign against Waste, would it not be more honest of the Prohibitionists to frankly state their avowed aim? Is it not a fact, and quite patent even to the most unobservant, that the real motive underlying their Campaign is the complete elimination of the Manufacture, Sale and Consumption of Alcohol in the United Kingdom, **not only for the period of the War but for all time?** Is it not true that those who have always advocated Prohibition believe that under the cloak of War they will be able to rush to a successful conclusion their desire for Prohibition?

The inference to be drawn from the tone of the Prohibition Campaign is that excessive drinking is the rule, not the exception. **The Official Returns conclusively prove that Great Britain is to-day more temperate than ever she has been before in her history.**

FACTS ABOUT RUSSIA AND FRANCE

MUCH is made by the "Strength of Britain Movement" of the alleged prohibition of alcoholic liquor in Russia and France. The facts are these: in the former country it is Vodka that is prohibited. Apart from Absinthe the only alcohol that has been withdrawn by the French Government is the cheap manufacture from potatoes, beet or cider which is known as "*Alcool.*" The French Government is credited with no such intention as interfering with, or restricting the use of, pure grape wines and brandies. Far from prohibiting the sale of alcoholic liquors other than those required for munition purposes, the French Government takes pains to see that the Troops and others engaged in arduous occupation in connection with the War are supplied with wines, and recently commandeered 240,000,000 gallons of this season's vintage for the use of the Troops.

A SLANDER on the WORKING CLASSES

IT is a cruel slander on the people, particularly the Working Classes, to say that by their drinking habits they are retarding their Country's progress and efficiency. The accusations cast upon the Working Classes, particularly in respect to excessive drinking, have been tested and found untrue, whereas there is no divided opinion in the Country as to the magnificent services rendered by the Working Classes in providing our Gallant Troops with the sinews of War.

THE Distillers of Great Britain are at the service of the Nation. Their business has been created by public demand, and it is for the public to decide whether or not Prohibition shall be introduced.

The Distillers are using the Press to-day because they reserve the right to refute the false statements, inaccuracies and misleading figures which are being utilised by the "Strength of Britain Movement," to support the case for Prohibition.

The Public have to decide big issues, and therefore the Public must know the facts—must know the truth.

This is the raison d'être of the Distillers' publicity.

FINANCIAL NEWS

DUBLIN STOCK EXCHANGE.

FUNDS AND BANK STOCK ADVANCE ON PEACE TALK.

DUBLIN, FRIDAY EVENING.

There was generally a very quiet amount of business passing on 'Change to-day with irregular movements, the result of war uncertainty. Some big gains were established in Government Funds on the continuance of peace talk, especially from the United States, where operators banged their own stocks on the prospect and hope, however vague, of a cessation of war profits. There was a better tone in Breweries and Distilleries. Guinness Ord. rose ½ to 23¼, and the Pref. were firm at 11. Dublin Distillers issues were bid for freely at the close. The Ord. closed 6d., and the Pref. also 6d., higher at 13s. 3d. and 63s. 6d. respectively. Marconi Ord. were nominally 1s. lower about 57s. 6d. without so quoting. There was a continuance of the feeling of reaction in the Home Railway market. Parent Tyre shares were supported. The Ord. rose 3d. to 21s., and the Defd. 1½d. to 26s. 3d., but the latter after hours were 26s. 6d. bid. The Pref. realised about 14s. 9d. without so quoting. Among Textiles, Coats Ord. fell 1/16 to 6¼, but the Pref.-Ord. rose ⅛ to 35. Calicoes were weaker, and fell another 1½d. to 13s. 4½d., while the Pref. were better at 14s., 14s. 1½d. Cotton Ord. fell 1½d. to 45s. Lever Bros. "C" Pref. were steady. *Freeman's Journal* Pref. shares were 10s. higher at 30s., and the Debs. remain wanted without any declared seller.

BANK OF IRELAND RATE, 6 PER CENT.
ALLOWANCE ON DEPOSITS, 3 PER CENT.

	Previous Price.	Business Done For Cash.	Nominal Quotation 1 o'clock. Bid.	Ask'd
Government Funds, etc.				
2½ % Consol., 1923	55	55	...	...
War Loan 4½ % Stock	95¼	96⅛	...	...
Guar. Land 2¾ %, 1933	52¼	52⅝	...	...
3½ % India Stock	164¾	65½	...	...
Banks.				
Bank of Ireland	175	177	...	...
Munster and Leinster	5¼	5¾	...	...
Provincial Bank, Old	22¾	22½	...	...
Breweries and Distilleries.				
Dublin Distillers Ord.	12/9	13 3	...	...
Dublin Distillers 6 % Pref.	63/	63 63.6	...	...
Guinness Ord.	123¼	23½	...	...
Guinness 6 % Cum. Pref.	11	11	...	...
Railways and Tramways.				
Dublin Sth. E. Ord.	13	13 12½	...	...
G.S. & West Ord. Orig.	81	81	...	...
Mid. Gt. West. Ord.	130	36	...	...
Gt. Northern Guar.	175	75	...	...
Dublin S.-East. Cn. B.	60	60	...	...
Cork and Muskerry 5 %	195/	92/6	...	...
Miscellaneous.				
Parent Tyre Ord.	20/9*	21/	...	...
Parent Tyre Deferred	26 1½*	26/3	...	...
[illegible]	28/	27/9	...	...
Brit Amer Tob 5% Pref.	...	18/	...	...
Calico Printers Ord.	†12/6	13 4½	...	...
Calico Printers 5 %	14/ 114/	14 1½	...	...
Coats Ord.	6⅛	6¼	...	...
Coats 20 % Pref. Ord.	34¾	35	...	...
Dunlop Rubber Co., French Income Stock	...	...	16/9	17/
English Sew. Cotton Ord.	45/1½	45/	...	...
Fine Cotton Spinners 5 %	...	...	17/6	18/
Lever Bros. 6% "C" Pf.	20/3	...	20/3	20/6
Freeman's Journal 6% C.P.	20/	30/	...	...
Freeman's Journal Deb	50	...	51	...

*Ex-dividend; † exceptional amount at special price. **Free of stamp duty. Business commences at 12 o'clock noon.

Stock Exchange Closed on Saturdays; also from 23rd to 26th inst., inclusive.

OTHER BUSINESS DONE—11.45 o'clock.
Anglo-Java Rubber and Produce Co. 5/7
Merlimau Rubber Estates 5/-
Tempeh (Java) Rubber Plantations 2/6

LONDON MONEY MARKET.

Bank Rate (changed July 13th, 1916) ... 6 p.c.

Adjustments over the four-day Bank holiday called naturally for a good deal of displacement of capital yesterday, but funds were ample in proportion to requirements, owing apparently to some big lines of Treasury bills being permitted to run off. Call money was quoted at 4¼ to 4½ p.c., but the closing rate was rather nominal at 4 p.c. Advances both for a week and over the end of the year were arranged around 5 p.c. Nearly half a million was disbursed in dividends on various securities. There was no change of importance in the discount market, where rates for Bank bills were practically the same as on Thursday, and the available supply of paper remained very restricted. The New York exchange was without change at 4.76⁷⁄₁₆.

Bank Rate (Discount) changed July 13, 1916, 6 p.c.

60 days fine	5⅛ 5⅛	p.c.	Trade	6	p.c.
3 months	5⅛	p.c.	"	6 5¾	p.c.
4 months	5¼	p.c.	"	6¼	p.c.
6 months	5¼	p.c.	"	6½	p.c.
Loans to bill brokers day-to-day				4 4½	p.c.
do. for a week				4	p.c.
Stock Exchange fortnightly Loans				4	p.c.
Deposit allowance: Banks				4	p.c.
do. Discount Houses at call				4¼	p.c.
do. do. at notice				4½	p.c.

A fall of ⅛d. to 36¹¹⁄₁₆d per oz. in the price of spot silver was mainly attributable to holiday influences, the market reporting light realising and an absence of inquiry.

BIRMINGHAM CYCLE SHARE MARKET FIRM.

Fair business. Prices firm. Singers receded to 60/-. Rudges recovering. Rovers 6d. higher. Enfields and Swifts firm.

	s.	d.		s.	d.
Belsize	24	6	Stars	20	0
Components	18	3	Sunbeams	80	0
Do. Def.	19	9	Swifts	21	6
Do. Pref.	20	0	Triumphs	68	0
Enfields	31	9	Dunlop Rubbers	50	0
Humbers	12	6	Do. Pref.	19	0
Do. Pref.	15	9	Parent Ord.	21	1½
Premiers	1	4½	Do. Def.	26	4½
Rolls Royce	44	6	Small Arms	45	3
Rovers	45	0	Standard Motor	29	0
Rudges	27	9	Rileys	16	6

MANCHESTER STOCK EXCHANGE.

Among Textile Shares, there was very little inquiry. Closing prices:—

Bleachers	18/3	18/9	Coats	6 ⅛	6⅛
Do. Pref.	18/3	18/6	Eng. Sew. Cot.	44/-	44/6
Bradford Dy.	27/3	27/9	Do. Pref.	17/3	17/9
Do. Pref.	17/3	17/9	Fine Spinners	29/-	29/3
"Slubbers"	6/3	6/9	Do. Pref.	17/3	17/9
Calico Printers	13/-	13/3	English Velvet	23/3	23/9
Do. Pref.	13/9	14/3	Do. Pref.	16/3	16/9

BELFAST STOCK EXCHANGE

BUSINESS DONE:—
Belfast and Co. Down Railway Ordinary 106
White, Tomkins, and Courage Ord. 24/9
Vulcanite 11/-

INSURANCE SHARES.
SALES IN LONDON:—
British Law Fire 89/4½
Commercial Union West of England 4 p.c. Term. Deb. Stock 89
Eagle 8/7½
Liverpool and London and Globe 19½
Northern ....7⅞, ¼, 7
Scottish Union and National Ins. Co. A. Shares 60/6½
SALES IN LIVERPOOL:—
North British, Edinburgh, and Glasgow 4½ p.c. Pref. 94½*
Sea 30½

Stocks marked thus (*) are for less than £1,000 stock or less than a marketable number of shares.

ANOTHER INSURANCE FUSION.

EAGLE AND THE BRITISH DOMINIONS.

A provisional agreement for amalgamation has been entered into between the respective Boards of the Eagle Life Office and the British Dominions General Insurance Company, subject to the approval of their shareholders and to the sanction of the Court being obtained. The capital of the Eagle is £1,678,675, divided into 335,735 shares of £5 each, of which 10/- has been paid up. The funds of the company exceed £3,000,000. The British Dominions General Insurance Company, Limited, was established in the year 1904, and has an authorised capital of £1,000,002, of which £775,014 is subscribed, £380,292 being paid up and £394,722 uncalled. The Preference capital amounts to £123,000 and carries a cumulative 6 per cent. Preference dividend. The funds of the company exceed £1,700,000. The title of the amalgamated company will be the "Eagle and British Dominions Insurance Company, Limited." In exchange for their existing shares, the Eagle shareholders will receive for every three shares of £5 each (10/- paid), five Preferred Ordinary Shares of the amalgamated company of £3 each (6/- paid). These Preferred Ordinary Shares will rank in front of the Ordinary Shares both for dividend and capital, and will be entitled to a Cumulative Preferential dividend of 6 per cent. per annum on the amount paid up, and a further Preferential dividend of 2 per cent. in every year in which the amalgamated company pays on its Ordinary Shares more than 15 per cent. No Debenture or new shares ranking prior to pari passu with the Preferred Ordinary Shares are hereafter to be issued without the consent of a resolution of the holders thereof.

CHRISTMAS WORK AT THE GENERAL POST OFFICE.

Yesterday afternoon, at the Controller's Department of the General Post Office, Dublin, our representative was informed that the number of extra men who had been employed for Christmas was about 675, which was, roughly, 100 less than in 1915. As regards the work, he learned that the parcel traffic up to, and including, Thursday, showed a substantial increase upon last year, both in the number of receptacles required, and in the number of parcels delivered in Dublin.

In reference to the British proposal regarding the arming of merchantmen, the *Cologne Gazette* says:—A merchantman, especially in European waters, does not require to be armed, and a ship that is armed is no longer a merchantman.

LONDON STOCK MARKETS QUIET.

THE WASHINGTON NOTE.

SLUMP IN AMERICANS.

(FROM OUR FINANCIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, FRIDAY.

The immediate result of the Peace Note from President Wilson, so far as the Stock Exchange was concerned, was a bad slump in American securities, following a similar movement overnight at Wall street, where the "bulls" were badly stampeded by fears of a termination of war prosperity. Local departments, however, were singularly unaffected by the Washington move, to which there was no disposition to attach undue importance, though there was at first a considerable feeling of irritation at the wording of certain portions of the Note. Holiday influences were paramount throughout, or, perhaps, political developments might have had more effect. The attendance and the volume of business were both small, and they continued to contract as the session advanced. The feature of the gilt-edged group was a further advance of ⅛ to 96⅛ in the 4½ p.c. War Loan. Irish Land Stock was supported up to 52¾, but closed a shade under that level. Local Loans Stock left off rather over 60. The Colonial group was slow.

FRENCH BONDS FIRM.

In the Foreign market the same conditions of lethargy which have characterised recent sessions were again in evidence. French Fives continued to harden in a quiet fashion in sympathy with Paris, and concluded ⅛ up at 80¼. Russians were merely steady, and there were again no markings in the Greek section. In the enemy group there was some marking forward of values in connection with the American peace feeler, but the improvement was purely nominal, though the recovery in the value of the mark at New York assisted the rise. German Threes were marked up ½ to 49¼, and Hungarian Rentes recovered 1⅛ to 44¼. South Americans were slow. Peruvians were on the dull side, but did not actually lose ground. Brazilians showed firmness.

HOME RAILS BETTER.

In the Home Railway department business was again confined mainly to the Trunk and Trade Stocks, and dealings as a whole were restricted. The Scotch group was slow without change of importance.

AMERICANS SLUMP.

Americans opened at a violent set-back on parity, reflecting the break at Wall street yesterday. There was some gradual recovery during the session owing to the fact that there was less disposition to attach importance to the American peace move locally than on the other side. Net falls, however, were considerable. Steels lost 9¼ at 107¼. There were many losses of 1 to 3 dollars in the Railroad list. New York Centrals fell 4½, and Readings, at 107, were 5 lower.

CANADIANS LOWER, MEXICANS BETTER.

Canadian Pacifics, closing over the lowest, were 3 down at 173. Grand Trunk Junior Stocks receded ⅛ to ¼, but the 1st Pref. rose a point and the Guaranteed Fours added ⅛. Mexican Railway Stocks left off unchanged to ⅛ better, and there were scattered gains of ¼ to 1 among Argentine Rails.

INDUSTRIALS IRREGULAR.

Shipping Shares closed irregularly in the Miscellaneous Market. P. and O. Deferred recovered 2 to 309½, but Royal Mails fell another point to 115. Cunards, at 4¼, were ⅛ better. Court Line finished steadily around 34/-. Land Shares were slow, and Marconis unaltered. Bank Shares were steady, but the approach of the half-yearly dividend announcement has created no special enthusiasm. Armaments were dull, being affected to some extent by the peace talk. Armstrongs eased 6d. to 38/-, and Vickers were back to 36/6. Supply Shares, though quiet, were fairly firm. Lyons rose ⅛ to 3¼. Salt Unions recovered ⅛ to 2¼. Aerated Breads were steady around 35/9, and British and Argentine Meat around 20/-. British-American Tobacco Shares advanced to 107/6 on the increased dividend, but closed under the best. Textiles were idle.

MINING MARKET INACTIVE.

There was only a limited volume of business in the Mining Market, which, like the rest of the House, was subject to holiday influences. Kaffirs were irregular. Insiders put some specialities higher, but there was a fresh set-back in East Rands. Diamonds eased steadily, after early unsteadiness, while Rhodesians remained quiet and dullish. Westralians were slow. Russians backed and filled moderately, but, on the whole, the undertone was good. Base metal shares showed a sagging disposition. The price of copper fell 20/-, and tin 50/- per ton.

RUBBER SHARES FIRM.

Upon the eve of the Christmas holidays it was not surprising to find that there was no particular feature to report in the Rubber Share market. Quite a considerable amount of business was doing, and the tone kept firm; but price changes were unimportant.

OIL SHARES STEADY.

The Oil Share Market displayed steadiness. Mexican Eagle Preference was good, rising to 41/-, and there were some other improvements in the Mexican group.

DIVIDENDS, REPORTS, AND MEETINGS.

A. AND J. STEVENS, 1914.—10 per cent.
KAWIE [illegible]—5 per cent. (actual).
STATUS INVESTMENT TRUST.—15 per cent. per annum.
STAR ASSURANCE SOCIETY.—Interim at rate of 7d.
JAMES CYCLE.—Dividend of 10 per cent. free of tax.
CHAPPEL AND CO.—Further dividend of 3½ per cent.
LANGKAPOERA SUMATRA.—10 per cent. on Ord.
DE BEERS.—Dividend on Pref. of 40 per cent. (20/- per share), less income tax at 5/- in the £.
NARAGUTA NIGERIA TIN.—Interim dividend of 1/- per share, free of income tax.
SUMATRA CONSOLIDATED RUBBER.—An interim dividend of 7½ per cent. declared, less tax.
LENDU RUBBER CO.—An interim dividend of 5 per cent., free of tax, declared.
GOEBEL BREWING.—Further dividend of 15 per cent., making 20 per cent., free of tax, for the year.
COLONIAL GAS ASSOCIATION.—Dividends on Pref. of 6 per cent. per annum, less tax, and on Ordinary of 5 per cent. per annum, tax free. Dividend on Ordinary will be paid in Preference Shares, one for every 20.
BROWN, STEWART, AND COMPANY.—The directors have declared a dividend of 18 per cent., less tax, on the 5 per cent. Cumulative Preference Shares, being payment on account of arrears of dividend for the three years ending April 27, 1912.
WALKER AND HOMFRAY BREWERIES.—Dividend for the year ended June 30th declared upon 6 per cent. Cumulative Preference. A year ago 7 per cent. was paid upon the Ordinary. The accounts for the past year not yet adjusted. Meanwhile the annual meeting stands adjourned.
SHOTTS IRON.—The directors of the Shotts Iron Company, Ltd., are issuing 25,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each, and paying a special bonus of 6/8 per share, the sum required for this purpose being taken from the company's reserve fund. The proportion of new shares now offered to each holder of Ordinary Shares corresponds as nearly as may be to one new share for every three at present held, so that this special dividend is sufficient to meet the payment of £1 per share on the new issue.
RUMANIAN CONSOLIDATED OILFIELDS.—The profit and loss account shows a debit of £198,703 14/9, against which there is a balance to credit from previous years of £113,451 1/11, which reduces the net debit to £85,252 12/10. On the 30th June, 1916, the company held 15,556 tons of stock, of which 1,340 tons were crude oil, and the greater portion of the balance consisted of higher class benzines. If these products could have been delivered to purchasers the accounts would have shown a profit on the year's working, corresponding with the results of the previous two years.
DOUGLAS SOUTHERN ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS.—The annual accounts increase the adverse balance to £1,210, owing to the complete closure of the company's business during the whole season owing to the war having ruined, for the time being, the visiting industry of the Isle of Man. The directors report that they have made arrangements for financing the company upon fair terms until better times arrive. The plant and property are being taken every care of, and expenses reduced to a minimum.

CLOSING PRICES.

CONSOLS, COLONIAL STOCKS, ETC

Consols	55¼ ⅜	Natal 3½, '24	70-2
French Loan	80¼ + ⅛	N.S.W. 4,1942-62	80-1
Irish Land 2¾	51¾ ⅞	do. 4½,1922-27	91-3
War Loan '14	85⅞ − ⅛	do. 5,1921-23	94-7
do. 1915	96⅛ ¼ + ⅛	N. Zeal'nd 4, '29	83-5
Bank of Eng.	197-202	Quebec 4½, 1924	84-6
India 3½ p.c.	63 6	Q'sland 4,1940-50	81-3
do. 3 p.c.	56¼ 7⅛	do. 4½,1920-25	93-5
Port of Lon. 5¼	98-100	S'k'wan 4½, '19	99-101
Alberta 4½ 1943	83-5	S. Africa 4 Con.	80-2
Austrl. Cm'	98-100	do. 4½,1920-25	89-91
Brit.Col. 4½ 1941	84-7	S.A'stri'n 4, 40-60	80-2
Canada 3½, 1930-50	70-2	do. 5, 1921-23	96-8
do. 4 1940-60	82-4	Victoria 4,1940-60	81-3
do. 4½ 1920-25	93-5	do. 4½, 1920-25	91-3
Cape 3½ Cons.	69-71	W.A'stri'n 4,'42-62	79-81

FOREIGN BONDS.

Arg'nt'ne,1886	94,¾	Italian Rentes	63-5
do. 4 pc. Res	74-6	Jap. 4 pc. 1st	84⅜ 5⅜
do. 5 p.c. '07	91-4	do. 4½ 2nd	94⅛ 95⅛
Brazil 4 pc. '89	47-9	do. 4 p.c.,1905	78⅛ 9⅛
do. 4 p.c. 1911	51-53	do. New 5 p.c.	89⅛ 90⅛
do. 5 p.c. 1914	74⅜ 5⅜	Mex. 5 p.c.,'00	42-48
do. 4 p.c. Res	47-50	Peruvian Corp.	5⅛ 6
Chinese 5 '96	90-92	do. Pref	25 ¼
do. 4½ pc. '98	77-9	do. Deb.	78⅛ 9⅛
do. 5 pc. 1912	74-5	Portuguese 3pc.	54-6
Egyptian Un 77⅛ 8¼		Russian 5 p.c.	83-5
German 3 p.c.	49⅛ + ⅛	do. 5 pc. 1906	79-80
Greek 5 p.c.	50-2	Spanish 4 p.c.	89⅛ 90⅛
Hungarian 4 p.c.	44⅛ + 1⅛	U'guay 3½ p.c.	63-5

HOME RAILS.

Brighton	77-9	L. & N.-W.	97⅝ 8⅝ + ⅛
do. "A"	65⅛ 6⅛	do. 4½ Pf.	92-4
Caledonian	48⅛ 9⅛	L. & S.-W.	91⅛ 2⅛
do. Def. Ord.	9 ½	do. Def	24-5
do. Pf. Or.	40 ½	do New 5 p.c.	90-3
Cent.Lon. Df.	28-30	Metropolitan	24⅛ 5⅛
Chatham	8⅝ 9⅛ − ⅛	do. 5 p.c. Pf.	89-90
do. Pref.	58⅛ 6⅛	do. District	16-17
do. 2nd Pref	24-6	Midland Def.	58⅛ 9 + ⅛
Gt. Cent'l Df.	7⅛ ⅛	N. Brit. Def.	14 ½
Gt. Eastern	38⅛ ⅛	do. Def Con.	102⅛ 3⅛
Gt. N. Pref.	64⅛ 5⅛	do. 4½ Pf.	93-4
do. Def.	37⅛ ⅛	Sth. Est. Dr.	27⅛ ⅛ + ⅛
Gt. Western	90⅛ ⅛ + ⅛	do. 5 Pref.	79-81
Hull & Barnsy.	38-9	Taff Vale	54-6
Lancs. & Yks	67-9		

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Atchison	107-8 − 1⅛	N.Y. Ontario	30⅛ 1⅛ − 1
do. Pref.	103-4 − 1⅛	Norfolk	131-40 − 3
Balt. & Ohio	86⅛ 7⅛ − 2	Pennsylvania	58⅛ 9⅛ − ⅛
Chesapeake	65-7 − 2⅛	Reading	105-8 − 5
Chicago, Mil.	93⅛ 4⅛ − 4	Southern	33 4 − 2⅛
Denver	19⅛ 20⅛	South Pac.	100-1 − 1⅛
do. Pref.	47-3 − 3	Un. Pacific	151⅛ 2⅛ − 2⅛
Erie	38⅛ 7 − 1⅛	Wabash(New)	16⅛ 7⅛
Illinois	108⅛ 9⅛ − 1⅛	do. Pref. A	55-60 − 2
Louisville	130-8 − 1	Int.M. M'rine 44⅛ 5⅛	
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Nat. Mexico	16-18	U.S. Steel	107-8 − 9⅛
do. 2nd Pf.	5⅛ 6⅛	do. Pref.	123-4 − 1⅛
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Can. Pacific 172⅝ 3⅛ − 3		Brazil 6 pc. Pf.	6-8
do. Nor. 3⅛ Db.	69-71	Brazil 4⅛ Mort.	78-8
do. 4p.c. Deb.	79-84	B.Ayres Gt.S.	78⅛ 9 + ⅛
Grand Trunk	10⅛ 11	B. Ayres Pac.	61-3 + 1
do. 4pc. Gar.	59-9 + ⅛	B.A'res &Wt.	79-80 + 1
do. 1st Pref.	64-7 + 1	Cen Ar'tine	65-6 + ⅛
do. 2nd Pref.	49-52	do.6 pc. Notes	98⅛ 9⅛
do. 3rd Prf.	23⅛ 6 − ⅛	Cent. Urugy.	51-3
do.4 p.c. Deb.	68-70	Costa Rica	—
do. Pac. 4pc Bs.	74⅛ 5⅛	Entre Rios	24-5
Antofa'ta Pf.	38-5	do. 5 pc. Pref.	22-4
do. Def.	123-5 − 1	Mex. Rails	14-15 + ⅛
do.5 p.c. Nts	—	do.8 pc Pf.	45-9
Argen. G. W.	55-8	do.8pc. Pf.	27⅛ 8⅛
Arauco'n Tr'ps	69-71	Mex. S. Debs	37-8
Bahia Blanca	66-8	San Paulo	170-3
do. 4½ 2nd Db.	69-71	Taltal	4⅛ 5⅛
Brazil Rail	3-5	Un. Havana	81-3

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Agricul. Egypt	5 ¾	Lon. W'mlnr	14⅛ ⅝
Anglo-Egypt	11⅛ 12	Lon. Joint Stk.	21⅛ ⅛
A.-South Amer.	5⅛ 6⅛	National	17 ¼
Bank Aus'sia	110-12	Nat'nal Egypt	13⅛ 4⅛
Bank N.S.W.	35-6	Nat'l. Prov.	35-1
Barclay "A"	7⅛ ⅛	Parr's	28-9
Capital & Co.	24 ¾	Stand S. Africa	10 ⅛
Hong Kong	70-7	U. Australia	30-1
Lloyds	24⅛ ⅛	U. & Smiths	22⅛ ⅛
Lon. R. Plate	33-4		

TELEGRAPHS.

A-Amer. Def.	23⅛ ⅛	Marconi Am'n	18/6,17/6
Marconi	2⅛ ⅛	do. Spanish	9/6,10/6
do. Pref.	2⅛ ⅛	West India	⅛,1⅛
do. Canada	9/6,10/6		

BREWERIES.

AllsoppPref. Ord.	4-6	Guinness	220-40
do. 5 p.c. Pref.	10-12	do. Pref	105-10
Barnsley	10⅛ 11⅛	Ohlsson's	3, ⅛
Bartholomay	—	St. Louis	1⅛ ⅛
do. Pref.	—	do. Pref.	6⅛ 7
Bass Pref.	79-82	South African	1⅛ ⅛

LAND SHARES.

Aboukir	1⅛ ⅛	Hudson's Bay	6⅛ ⅛
Arg'nt. N'th'n	⅛ ⅛	Nigers	1⅛ 2
do. South	1⅛ ⅛	Pekin Synd.	⅛ ⅛
Brt.N. Borneo	⅛ ⅛	do. Shansi	⅛ ⅛
Forestal	2⅛ ⅛		

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Anglo-Arg 1stPf.	2⅛ 3⅛	Mex. Trams	22-27
Brazil'nTrac.	48-50	do. Bonds	30-32
Brit.Col. Elec. Pf.	60-5	Portland Bds	80-2
do. 4½ % Deb.	80-4	Sao Paulo Db.	87-9
Mex. Lt. & Po'r	5-10	Shaw. W'ter Db.	80-2
do. Bonds	25-30	Toronto P'r, Db.	75⅛ 6⅛
Montr'al St. Db.	93-5	Und. Elec	2⅛ ⅛
Monterey Deb.	25-8	do. In. Bds.	52-3

MISCELLANEOUS.

Armstrong	37/6,38/6 − /6	KentCoalCon.	9/6,10/6
A. P'd Cmt.	2⅛ 3	Kynoch	⅛ ⅛
do. Pref.	5⅛ 6⅛	do. (Arklow)	90-5
do. 2nd Deb.	75 6	Lino. M. "A"	66-71
Bovril Ord.	1, ⅛	do. "B"	56-60
Bovril Def.	⅛ ⅛	Lipton	15/0,16/0
B.& A. Meat	19/6,20/0	do. Pref.	13/6,14/6
Brit Oil Cke.	27/0,28/0	Lyons	3⅛ ⅛ + ⅛
do.5½ % Pf.	⅛ ⅛	Maypole Def.	⅛ ⅛
BrunnerMond.	4⅛ ⅛	National Ex.	21/6,22/6
Cammell Laird.	6⅛ 7	Pahang	10/0, 11/0
Cargo Fleet	19/6,20/6	Pears	1⅛ ⅛
Coats	6⅛ ⅛	Pease	1⅛ 5⅛
Cunard Ord.	4⅛ ⅛ + ⅛	P. & O. Def	307-12 + 2
Eastmans	6/3,7/3	Rolls-Royce	2⅛ ⅛
Furness Withy	2 ⅛	Royal Mail Or.	114-16 − 1
Gramophone	1⅛ ⅛	Salt Union	2⅛ ⅛ + ⅛
Harrod's	2⅛ ⅛	do. Pref.	5⅛ ⅛
Home & Col. Pf.	4⅛ 5⅛	Spratt's	1⅛ ⅛
do. 15% Pf.	⅛ ⅛	S.Durham St	29/0,30/0
do. 15% Ord.	2⅛ ⅛	Van D. Bergh	2⅛ ⅛
John Brown	25/0,26/0	Vickers	36/0, 37/0 − /6

MINING SHARES.

Anglo-French	15/9 + 6d	Brit. Bkn. H.	26/- − 3d
E. Rand Prop.	12/- − 1/6	Bkn. H. Nth.	46/6 − 3d
Geduld	43/- + 6d	Do. Props.	51/6 − 6d
Ginsberg	6/- + 3d	Mt. Morgan	1⅛ + ⅛
Knight's Gold	2⅛ + ⅛	Nundydroog	25/6 − 3d
Randfontein	15/6 − 3d	Sulphide	29/- − 6d
Do. Cent.	12/9 + 3d	Do. Pref.	39/6 − 3d
Brakpan	4⅛ − ⅛	Russo-Asiatic	5⅛ − ⅛
Jupiter	7/6 + 6d	Anaconda	18⅛ − ⅛
Rand Mines	3⅛ + ⅛	Cape Copper	4⅛ − ⅛
Springs Mines	3 + ⅛	Mons. Cupri	5/- − 6d
Van Ryn Deep	3⅛ + ⅛	Roebourne	5/6 − 1/-
Renong	2⅛ − ⅛	Utah	20⅛ − ⅛

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Ang-Dutch	19/10½ + 1½d	Merlimau	5/2½ + 1½d
Anglo-Java	5/8½ + 1½d	Pataling	34/10½ + 4½d
Anglo-Malay	12/- − 3d	Pegoh	53/- + 6d
Asahan	20/- − 1½d	Pelepah Valley	2/11 + 1½d
Bah Lias	29/- + 3d	Perak R. Plant.	6/- − 7½d
Bandar Sum.	43/1½ − 7½d	Port Dickson	3/1½ − 1½d
Batu Tiga	81/3 + 1/3d	Sapong	28/3 − 9d
Bekoh	3/6 + 1½d	Seramat	38/6 − 1½d
Bikam	4/6 + 1½d	Sekong	23/6 − 1/-
Bode	2/1½ + 1½d	Selaba	48/9 + 4½d
B. Kajang	71/3 + 1/10½	Selangor	28/3 − 1/1½
Bukit Rajah	9/3 + 1½d	Sengat	2/9½ − 1½d
B. Sembawang	3/5½ − 1½d	Serdang Cent.	43/9 + 1/3
Carey United	41/3 − 3d	Sialang	66/10½ − 7½d
Chersonese	3/10½ − 1½d	Sing. Para	3/11 + 1½d
Cheviot	4/6 + 1½d	Sing. United	3/0½ − 1½d
Dolok	2/7½ − 1½d	Strathmore	40/3 − 3d
Golden Hope	62/6 − 1/3	Sungei Choh	75/3 + 1/3d
Java Amal.	33/- − 1/6	Taiping	3/11 − 1½d
Johore Rub.	29/7½ − 1½d	Tali Ayer	32/4½ − 3d
Kamuning	3/10 − 1½d	Tamiang	34/9 − 10½d
Kepong	14/1½ − 4½d	Tandjong	85/6 − 2/-
Kwaloe	2/3 + 1½d	Do. Malim	32/9 − 4½d
Lavant	2/10½ + 1½d	Tebrau	75/6 − 1/-
Linggi	23/7½ + 4½d	Telogoredjo	39/1½ − 1½d
Lok Kawi	17/6 − 6d	Tempeh	2/7½ + 1½d
Lon. Asiatic	7/10½ − 1½d	U. Serdang	12/0½ − 2d
Malayalam	37/- − 3d	U. Sua Betong	55/3 − 9d
Manc. N. Bor.	31/9 + 1/6	U. Sumatra	7/10½ + 1½d
Membakut	20/6 + 2½d	Val d'Or	3/7½ − 1½d
Merbau	3/4½ + 1½d	Yam Seng	7/3

OIL SHARES.

Anglo-Egypt B	10/9 − 3d	Royal Dutch	45 − ⅛
Kern River	7/5 + 1½d	Burm. Consol.	9/- − 3d
Lobitos	43/- − 3d	Russian G.	23/1½d + 1½d
Mex. Eagle	41/3 + 1/-	Schibaieff	7/- + 9d
Do. Pref.	41/- + 9d	Shell	£5 9/- + 3d
N. Caucasian	25/1½ − 4½d	Spies	13/6 + 3d

TEA SHARES.

Dooars (£1)	70/-	Empire (£1)	45/-
East Produce	16/- − 6d	Imperial Ord.	28/7½

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SERVICES AND ANTHEMS.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.

The Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday at 8 a.m. and 12 noon; on Holydays at 8 and 11 a.m.; and on Thursdays at 8 a.m. Choral Service on week-days at 10 and 4 o'clock.

Saturday, December 23.

Morning Service at 10 o'clock. Note—Vigil. Ember Day. Psalm cx. Te Deum, 111. Hymn 404. Evening Service at 4 o'clock. Note—Carol Service. Magnificat, Ancient Chant, Processional Hymn, "O come, O come, Emmanuel." Christmas Carols.

Sunday, December 24.

Holy Communion at 8 a.m. Matins, Litany, 11.15 a.m. Note—Fourth Sunday in Advent. Christmas Eve. Te Deum, Benedictus, Smart in F. Processional Hymn, 56, "Come, Thou long-expected Jesus." Anthem, "Rejoice in the Lord alway," Purcell, 598. Offertory, Hymn 315 (pt. ii.), "O Jesu, King most wonderful." Holy Communion at 12.15 p.m. Credo, Kyrie, Smart in F. Preacher, the Succentor. Evening Service at 3.15 o'clock. Note—Cantoris Week. Magnificat, Nunc Dimittis, Martin in A. Processional Hymn, 79, "While shepherds watched." Anthems—1st, "It came upon the midnight clear"; 2nd, "The sorrows of death," Mendelssohn, 710. God Save the King. Preacher, the Dean.

Monday, December 25. Christmas Day.

Holy Communion at 8 a.m. Matins at 11.15 a.m. Proper Psalms, xix., lxxxv. Te Deum, Jubilate, Stanford in B flat. Processional Hymn, 87, "O come, all ye faithful." Anthem, "There were shepherds," Handel, 705. Offertory, "On Christmas Morn," Carol. At Holy Communion, "Beside Thy Cradle," Bach. Holy Communion (Choral) at 12.15 p.m. Kyrie, Credo, Sanctus, Gloria, Mozart in B flat. Preacher, the Dean. Evening Service at 3.15 o'clock. Proper Psalms, cx., cxxxii. Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Smith in B flat. Processional Hymn, 85, "Hark, the herald angels sing." "See amid the winter's snow," Carol. Hymn, 79, "While shepherds watched." Anthem, "There were shepherds," Handel, 705.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.

Celebrations of the Holy Communion:—Sundays, Choral Celebration at the 11.15 a.m. Service; Holydays at 10 a.m. (on the greater Festivals at 8 a.m.). Matins at 10.45 a.m. (Sundays at 11.15 a.m.). Evensong at 3 o'clock (Sundays at 4 o'clock). Decani Week.

Saturday, December 23. Ember Day. Men's voices.
Morning—Stainer in A.
Behold, I bring you glad tidings....Purcell, 39.
Evening—Steggall in B flat.
Seek Him that maketh the seven stars. Elgar (Amos v. 8).

Cantoris Week.

Sunday, December 24. Fourth Sunday in Advent. Matins at 10.15 a.m., followed by Choral Celebration. Te Deum and Benedictus, Steggall in G. Anthem, "From the rising of the sun," Ouseley, 142. Ordination Service at 11.15 a.m. Processional Hymn, 416 (tune 31). Communion Office, Somervell in F. Offertory Sentences, Stainer in B flat. Preacher, Rev. W. R. Browne, M.A. Hymns 361, 216. Evensong at 4 o'clock. Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Noble in B minor. Anthem, "Behold a Virgin shall conceive, O thou that tellest," Handel, 32. Hymn 78 (pt. i.). Carols. Tallis's Responses.

Monday, December 25. Christmas Day.

Celebration in the Lady Chapel at 8 a.m. Matins at 11.15 a.m., followed by Choral Celebration. Proper Psalms, 19, 45, 85. Te Deum and Benedictus, Smart in F. Anthem, "There were Shepherds," Handel, 705. Communion Office, Smart in F. Preacher, His Grace the Archbishop of Dublin. Hymn 79. Evensong at 4 o'clock. Proper Psalms, 89, 110, 132. Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Smart in F. Anthem, "Sing and rejoice," Harwood (Zech. ii., 10-13). Hymn 87. Tallis's Responses.

Tuesday, December 26. St. Stephen.
Celebration in the Lady Chapel at 10 a.m.
Morning—Stanford in C.
He that shall endure..........Mendelssohn, 17.
Tallis's Responses.
Evening—Stainer in A.
Be thou faithful,
Happy and blest..........Mendelssohn, 51.
Tallis's Responses.

Wednesday, December 27. St. John Evangelist.
Celebration in the Lady Chapel at 10 a.m.
Morning—Croft in A.
How beautiful are the feet,
Their sound is gone out..........Handel, 663.
Tallis's Responses.
Evening—Stanford in C.
O clap your hands..........Stainer, 861.
Tallis's Responses.

Thursday, December 28. Holy Innocents.
Celebration in the Lady Chapel at 10 a.m.
Morning—Stanford in B flat.
These are they..........Goss, 709.
Tallis's Responses.
Evening—Stanford in B flat.
O how glorious..........Harwood.
Tallis's Responses.

Friday, December 29. Half choir.
Morning—Rogers in D.
Rejoice and sing..........Bach.
Evening—Rogers in D.
God so loved the world..........Stainer, 161 (pt.).
Saturday, December 30. Half choir.
Morning—Dykes in F.
Beside Thy cradle..........Bach.
Evening—Cooke in B flat.
O ye that love the Lord.
Coleridge-Taylor (Ps. xcvii., 10).

Chapel Royal—Fourth Sunday in Advent. Morning Service, 11.30. Chants, 74, 75. Te Deum, Stanford in C. Anthem, No. 915, "Nazareth" (Gounod). Hymns, 53, 79. Preacher, Rev. J. Carleton, D.D., Treasurer of St. Patrick's Cathedral. The Chapel is open to the public. Christmas Day—Morning Service, 11.30. Chant, 435. Te Deum, Stanford in B flat. Jubilate, Stewart in D. Anthem, No. 705, "There were shepherds" (Handel). Kyrie, Harwood. Hymns, 83, 87. Sanctus and Gloria, Hewson in F. Preacher, Rev. J. Blackburn, D.D., Warden of St. Columba. The Chapel is open to the public. Choral Celebration of Holy Communion at 11 a.m. and after Morning Prayer.

Royal Hospital Church, Kilmainham.—Fourth Sunday in Advent—Morning Service, 11.30. Opening Voluntary Impromptu. Venite, Barnby. Te Deum, 1st Set, Benedictus, Troutbeck. Hymns (Ancient and Modern), 53, 317, 324. Closing Voluntary, Andante. Preacher, the Chaplain. Christmas Day.—Morning Service, 11.30. Opening Voluntary, Andante. Venite, Barnby, Psalm, 19. Benedictus, Troutbeck. Hymns (Ancient and Modern), 59, 595, 62, 317. Ante-Communion Service. Closing Voluntary, Impromptu. Preacher, the Chaplain.

St. Matthias' Parish Church.—11.30, Holy Communion. 3.30, Children's Carol Service. 7, Evening Prayer. Christmas Day. Holy Communion 7, 8, and 11.30.

Baggotrath Church.—8.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. Canon Mervyn, M.A. 3.30, Children's Carol Service, Rev. J. H. Allcock, B.D. 7, Evening Prayer and Carol Singing, Rev. Canon Jennings, M.A. Christmas Day.—8, 10, 11.30, Holy Communion, Rev. Canon Mervyn, M.A. Collections for Distressed Protestants.

St. Ann's Church.—8, Holy Communion. 10, Rev. G. A. Chamberlain, B.D. 11.30, Rev. G. A. Chamberlain, B.D. 3.30, Children's Service. 7, Evening Prayer and Carols. Address by the Vicar. Christmas Day.—7.15 and 8, Holy Communion. 10, Holy Communion, Rev. Canon Day, M.A. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Rev. Canon Day, M.A. Collection at all Services in aid of the Parochial Coal and Clothing Fund.

Christ Church, Leeson Park.—8 and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. C. C. W. Duggan. 3.30 Children's Carol Service. 7, Christmas Carols. Offerings for Poor Fund. Christmas Day.—7, 8, 9, 10, and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. J. P. Phair.

St. Columba's Church, Ranelagh.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. E. H. F. Campbell. 7, Christmas Carols. Offerings for Poor Fund. Christmas Day—7, 8, and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. C. C. W. Duggan.

Rathmines Parish.—8, Holy Communion. 10, Rev. W. N. Carter. 11.30, Litany, Rev. W. N. Carter. 3.30, Children's Service, Rev. H. G. Forde. 4.30, Men's Service, the Rector. 7, Rev. W. N. Carter. Collections at Morning and Evening Services on behalf of the Church of Ireland Jews' Society. Christmas Day.—Holy Communion at 6.30, 7.15, 8, 10, and after 11.30 a.m. Service. Preacher at 11.30, the Rector.

North Strand Church.—11.30, the Rector. 7, Evening Prayer and Carols. Christmas Day. Holy Communion 7, 8, 10.30, 11.30.

Drumcondra Parish Church.—11.15, Holy Communion 12, Rev. R. Brown. 4, Children's Service. 7, Evening Prayer and Carols. Christmas Day. Holy Communion, 8, 11, and 12.

St. Stephen's Church.—8, Celebration. Matins and Sermon at 10. 11.30, Matins and Celebration. 4, Children's Service. 7 p.m. Christmas Day.—7, 8, and 10 a.m., Celebrations. 11.30, Matins and Celebration. 4 p.m.

St. Peter's Parish Church.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Litany, Rev. Canon Kennedy, D.D. 3.30, Children's Service. 5, Service of Preparation for Holy Communion. 7, Evening Prayer and Carols. Christmas Day.—6.30, 7.15, 8, and 10.15, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, the Rector. Collection in aid of Association for Relief of Distressed Protestants.

St. George's Church.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, the Rector. 7, Rev. E. W. Greening, B.A. Christmas Day.—7, 8, and 10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, the Rector.

St. Aidan's Church.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. E. W. Greening, B.A. 3.30, Children's Service. 7, the Rector. Christmas Day.—8 and 10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Rev. E. W. Greening, B.A.

St. Augustine's Church.—11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Rev. P. Quigley, B.A. 3.30, Children's Service. 7, Rev. O. G. Fisher, B.A. Christmas Day.—8 and 10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Rev. H. L. Eves, M.A.

Free Church.—11.30, Rev. O. G. Fisher, B.A. 7, Evening Prayer and Holy Communion, Rev. H. L. Eves, M.A. Christmas Day.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Rev. P. Quigley, B.A.

St. James's Parish Church.—11.30, Morning Service and Holy Communion, Rev. J. C. Irwin, B.D. 7, Rev. J. Crawford Irwin, B.D. Christmas Day.—7, Short Service and Holy Communion. Address by the Vicar. 10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Service and Holy Communion, Rev. J. Crawford Irwin.

St. James's District Church, S.C.R.—11.30, Rev. H. Vere Flint, M.A. 4, Children's Service, Rev. H. Vere Flint, M.A. 7, Rev. C. G. Shaw, B.D. (Christmas Carols). Christmas Day.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Service and Holy Communion, Rev. H. Vere Flint, M.A. Christmas Carols will be sung at 11.30 a.m. Service.

St. Audoen's Parish Church.—Cornmarket.—11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. 7 p.m. Preacher at both Services, Rev. David Anderson, LL.D. Christmas Day.—9.15, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Rev. David Anderson, LL.D.

St. Paul's Church, North King street.—11.30, Holy Communion, Rev. E. J. Young, B.D. 3.30, Children's Service. Address by Prof. Carpenter. 7 p.m., Special Carol Service. Christmas Day.—7, 8, 11.30, Holy Communion. Collections for the Poor Fund.

St. Andrew's Church.—11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Rev. R. Northridge, M.A. 3.30, Children's Service. 7, Rev. J. Goff, M.A. Christmas Day—8 and 10.15, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Rev. R. H. Murray, Litt.D.

St. Mary's Parish Church.—11.30, Rev. F. H. W. Archbold, M.A. 7, Evening Prayer and Holy Communion, Rev. J. O. Gage Dougherty, M.A. Christmas Day—11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Rev. A. O. Draper, B.A.

St. Mary's Chapel of Ease.—11.30, Rev. J. O. Gage Dougherty, M.A. 4, Children's Service, Rev. J. O. Gage Dougherty, M.A. 7, Rev. F. H. W. Archbold, M.A. Christmas Day—8, Holy Communion, Rev. J. O. Gage Dougherty, M.A. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Rev. J. O. Gage Dougherty, M.A.

Rotunda Hospital Chapel.—10.15, Morning Service, Rev. J. O. Gage Dougherty, M.A. 4, Rev. A. O. Draper, B.A. Christmas Day—9, Holy Communion, Rev. A. O. Draper, B.A. 10.15, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Rev. J. O. Gage Dougherty, M.A.

St. Mary's Parish.—Prayer Meeting to-night at the Mountjoy street Schools at 8 o'clock.

Mission Church, Townsend street.—11.30, Rev. J. R. Goff, M.A. 7, Rev. R. H. Murray, D.Litt. Christmas Day—8.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Rev. J. R. Goff, M.A.

St. Mark's Church.—11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Rev. J. Carson, B.D. 4, Children's Service. 7, Rev. T. H. Beale, A.M. Christmas Day.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Rev. J. Carson, B.D.

Molyneux Church, Bride street.—11.30 and 7. Preacher at both Services, Rev. Charles Murray, B.D. Christmas Carols will be sung after Evening Service. Christmas Day.—11.30, Holy Communion, Rev. A. Morrow.

St. Werburgh's Parish Church.—11.15, Rev. W. J. M'Creery, B.D. 7, Rev. T. St. C. Jennings, B.A. Christmas Day.—8 and 9, Holy Communion. 11.15, Morning Service and Holy Communion, Rev. W. J. M'Creery, B.D.

St. Thomas's Church.—11.30, Rev. E. G. Barland. 3.30, Children's Service. 7, Christmas Carols, Rev. E. G. Barland. Collections on behalf of Association for Relief of Distressed Protestants. Christmas Day—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Holy Communion, Rev. H. W. Donald.

St. Kevin's Parish Church.—11.30, Morning Service, special lecture. 7. Preacher at all Services, Rev. T. C. Hammond.

The Magdalen Chapel.—Usual Services at 8, 11.30, and 7, Rev. Dr. Hemphill. Christmas Day—8 and 11.30, Rev. Dr. Hemphill.

St. Catherine's Parish Church.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. Geoffrey M. Wilson. 7 p.m., Carols. Christmas Day—7 and 8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Rev. Geoffrey M. Wilson, B.A.

St. Victor's Church, Donore avenue.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, the Rector. 4, Children's Service, Carols. 7 p.m. (Carols), Rev. Geoffrey M. Wilson. Christmas Day.—7 and 8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, the Rector.

St. Michan's Church, Church street.—11.30, Rev. C. R. Kitching, M.A. 7 p.m., Rev. G. H. Vaughan, M.A. Christmas Day—8.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Rev. C. R. Kitching, M.A.

St. Jude's Church, Kilmainham.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer. 7 p.m., Rev. R. Gibbon Proctor, B.D. Christmas Day—8 and 11.30, Holy Communion. Preacher at latter Service, Rev. R. Gibbon Proctor, B.D.

St. Canice's Church, Finglas—11.30 and 7 p.m. Rev. F. R. Bland, M.A., C.M.S. Christmas Day.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Service and Holy Communion.

St. Philip's Church, Milltown.—11.30, Morning Prayer. 3.30, Children's Service. 7 p.m., the Rector. Christmas Day—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, the Rector.

Mariners' Church, Kingstown.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. Canon H. B. Kennedy, D.D., for Poor Fund. 3.30, Rev. H. D. Adams, M.A. 7, Rev. M. M'Graham. Christmas Carols. Christmas Day—7 and 8, Holy Communion. 11.30 (Holy Communion), Rev. H. D. Adams, M.A., for Poor Fund.

Zion Church, Rathgar.—8.30, Holy Communion 11.30 Rev. W. J. Charles, D.D. 4, Mr. Norman Roberts, B.A. (Children's Service). 7, Rev. Frank Hutchinson, L.R.C.S. Christmas Day, 8, 11.30, Holy Communion, Rev. W. J. Charles, D.D.

St. John's Church, Monkstown.—11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion: Rev. W. N. Harvey, B.D. 7, Rev. Charles Dowse, M.A. Christmas Carols at Evening Service. Christmas Day. 7 and 8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Rev. Charles Dowse, M.A. Special Musical Services and Anthem.

Christ Church, Blackrock.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Service. 7, Christmas Carols. Christmas Day. Holy Communion, 8, 9.30, and 11.30.

Stillorgan Church.—Christmas Day.—8.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m., Holy Communion; Rev. Canon Kennedy, D.D.

Sandford Parish Church.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30. 3.30, Children's Service and Christmas Carols. 7. Christmas Day, Holy Communion at 7, 8, 10, and 11.30 a.m. After Morning Prayer, special music, Anthem, and Sermon.

St. Barnabas' Parish Church.—11.30, 3.30, Children's Service and Christmas Carols. 7, Rev. E. M. Griffin, B.D. Christmas Day, 8, 10, and 11.30, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer. Offerings for Protestant Orphan Society. Preacher, Rev. Saunderson Griffin, M.A.

Chapelizod Parish Church.—11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. 7, Evensong. Christmas Carols. Christmas Day, 7.45, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Service and Holy Communion. Preacher, the Rector.

Clontarf Parish Church.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. J. F. Sheorman, B.A. 3.30, Children's Service. 7, Rev. E. Robinson, B.A. Christmas Day—8 and 10, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, Rev. John Connell, M.A.

St. Paul's Church, Glenageary.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30. 3.30, Children's Service. 7, Christmas Carols. Christmas Day. 8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

All Saints' Church, Grangegorman, Phibsborough road.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Matins, Choral Celebration, and Sermon. 7, Evensong and Carols. Christmas Day, 6.15, 7, and 8 a.m., Holy Communion. 11.30, Matins, Choral Celebration, and Sermon. 4, Evensong and Carols.

St. Brigid's Church, Castleknock.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Matins. 7. Preacher at both services, Rev. E. M. Griffin, B.A. Christmas Day. 8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Matins and Celebration. Preacher, Rev. E. M. Griffin, B.A.

St. Mary's Church, Donnybrook.—7, Evening Prayer, followed by Christmas Carols.

Tullow Parish Church, Carrickmines.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Litany. 6, Evening Prayer, Carols. Children's gifts for Kilternan Orphanage. Christmas Day, 8, Holy Communion. 11, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion. Offertories for Church expenses.

Holy Trinity Church, Rathmines.—8, Holy Communion. 11.30, Rev. D. J. C. Hearn, B.A. 4, Children's Service. 7, Rev. Canon Mervyn, M.A. Carols will be sung. Christmas Day. 7 and 8 a.m., Holy Communion. 11.30, Morning Prayer and Holy Communion; the Rector.

St. Bartholomew's Parish Church.—8, Holy Communion. 11.15, Matins, Sermon, Holy Communion. 4, Children's Service. 6.30, Litany. 7, Evensong. Carols. Christmas Day. 7 and 8, Holy Communion. 11.15, Matins, Sermon, Holy Communion. 4, Evensong Carols.

Portobello Garrison Church.—8, Holy Communion. 11, Parade Service. Band of 4th Batt. Royal Irish Rifles. Rev. J. O'Callaghan, B.D., C.F. 12, Holy Communion. 6.30, Evensong. Rev. Canon M'Clean, LL.D., C.F. Christmas Day. 8, Holy Communion. 11, Parade Service. Rev. Canon M'Clean, LL.D., C.F. 12, Holy Communion.

Adelaide road Presbyterian Church—11.30 and 7, Rev. R. K. Hanna, B.A.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Blackrock—11.30 and 7, Rev. Jas. Snowdon, B.D.

Bray Presbyterian Church—11.30 and 7, Rev. H. P. Glenn, B.A.

Clontarf Presbyterian Church—4.30, Rev. A. Gailey, B.A.

Clontarf Presbyterian Church—12 and 7, Rev. J. L. Morrow, B.A.

Donore Presbyterian Church—11.30, Rev. Gordon T. C. Clements, B.A. 7, Rev. J. Miller Craig, B.A. Christmas Day—11.30, Rev. Gordon T. C. Clements.

Greystones Presbyterian Church—11.30 and 7, Rev. A. Neill, M.A.

Howth Presbyterian Church—11.30 and 7, Rev. H. C. Waddell, B.A.

Kingstown Presbyterian Church—11.30 and 7, Rev. James Wilson.

Lucan Presbyterian Church—11.30 and 7, Rev. A. Gailey, B.A.

Malahide Presbyterian Church—4, Rev. H. C. Waddell, B.A.

Ormond quay Presbyterian Church—12 and 7, Rev. F. C. Gibson, B.A.

Rathgar (Christ Church) Presbyterian Church—12 and 7, Rev. J. J. Macaulay, B.A.

Rutland square Presbyterian Church—12 noon and 7, Rev. J. D. Osborne, D.D.

Lower Abbey street (Union Chapel) Presbyterian Church—12 and 7, Rev. W. P. Hall, B.A., in Trinity Church, Lower Gardiner street.

Sandymount Presbyterian Church—11.30, Rev. J. Miller Craig, B.A. 7, Rev. Gordon T. C. Clements.

United Free Church of Scotland, Lower Abbey street.—12 and 7 p.m., Rev. W. A. Bracken, M.A.

Dublin Presbytery's City Mission.—Whitefriar street Hall, St. Whitefriar street—Free breakfasts for the poor, 8.15. Sabbath School, 3.15. Evangelistic Service, 7.

North Strand Hall—3.30 p.m.

Blackhall Place Methodist Church—11.15, Rev. S. T. Boyd, B.A. 7, Rev. E. J. F. Elliott, C.F.

Portobello Methodist Church—Parade Service, 10; Rev. E. J. F. Elliott, C.F. 11.15, Mr. George Brown. 7, Rev. S. T. Boyd, B.A.

Lucan Methodist Church—11.30 and 7, Rev. R. de Courcy.

Cabra Methodist Church—4, Lieutenant Jarmain.

Abbey street Methodist Church—11.30, Mr. W. Mather. 7, Rev. Charles S. Greaves. Christmas Day. 11.30, Rev. Charles S. Greaves.

Clontarf Methodist Church—11.30, Rev. Charles S. Greaves. 7, Sergeant T. Gibbs. Christmas Day. 7 a.m., Rev. Charles S. Greaves.

Methodist Church, Stephen's Green.—11.30, Mr. B. J. Walker. 7, Rev. R. O. Moran.

Methodist Church, Victoria street, S.C.R.—11.30, Rev. W. Crawford, M.A. 7, Rev. William Harpur.

Sandymount Methodist Church—11.30 and 7, Rev. H. [illegible] at both. Christmas Day. Service at 11.30 a.m.

Ringsend Methodist Church—11.30 and 7, Mr. J. A. Duncan.

Kingstown Methodist Church—11.30 and 7, Christmas Carols. Christmas Day. 11, Rev. A. Egan.

Blackrock Methodist Church—11.30, Rev. Dr. H. Evans. 7, Rev. C. Maguire. Christmas Day. 8 a.m., Rev. J. E. Green.

Dalkey Methodist Church—11.30 and 7, and Christmas morning; Rev. R. B. Morton.

Dolphin's Barn Methodist Church—11.30, Rev. J. N. Spence; 7, Mr. George Browne. Christmas Day. 11.30, Rev. Bertram C. Moran.

Clontarf Methodist Church—11.30 and 7. Preacher, Rev. G. A. Joynt, M.A. Christmas Day. Service, 10.30, Rev. Charles W. Maguire.

Sutton Methodist Church—11.45 and 6.30, Rev. Chas. W. Maguire.

Bray Methodist Church—11.30 and 7, Rev. Benson E. Gentleman. Christmas Morning Service, 8 to 8.45 (Carol singing); Rev. Benson E. Gentleman.

Methodist Church, Brighton road—11.30, Rev. James M. Alley. 7, Rev. Lindsay H. Cullen.

Methodist Church, Charleston road—11.30, Rev. Lindsay H. Cullen; 7, Rev. James M. Alley. Children's Service 3.30; Mr. R. O'Connor.

Kilmainham Congregational Church—11.30 and 7, Rev. Francis J. Ryan. 7, Rev. Philip Davis.

Kingstown Congregational Church—11.30 and 7, Rev. J. H. Atkinson.

Congregational Church, York street—11.30, Rev. W. G. Davis. 7, Rev. W. G. Davis.

Baptist Chapel, Harcourt street—11.30 and 7. Preacher at both, Pastor T. S. Metrustry. Young People's Service, 4, in Minor Hall.

Baptist Tabernacle, Corrig avenue, Kingstown—11.30 and 7, Mr. A. Tweedall.

Baptist Chapel, Deverell Place, Lower Gardiner street.—Sunday, 7 p.m., and Thursday, 8 p.m. Samuel Ruddock.

Moravian Church, 15 Bishop street—11.30, Rev. J. E. Hutton, M.A.

Salvation Army.—Gospel Services—Richmond Hall, 7.30, 11.30, 3.30, and 7.30; Captain H. Muir, Lower Abbey street Hall, 11.30, 3.30, and 7.30; Adjutant E. Sullivan. Lombard street Hall, 11.30, 3.30, and 7.30; Captain Harrison and Lieutenant Goodwin. Kingstown Hall, 62 Glasthule, 7.30, 11.30, 3.30, and 7.30; Commandant and Mrs. Fenwick, Sectional Officers.

Ringsend Mission Hall and Y.M.C.A., Pigeonhouse road—Special Lantern Service to-morrow at 3.45. Address by Mr. John Gibson, J.P.

Merrion Hall, Lower Merrion street—12 and 7, and Friday at 8. Mr. C. Hickman.

Society of Friends—Meeting for Divine Worship tomorrow at 6 Eustace street, at 11 a.m.; at Monkstown, 11 a.m., 7 p.m.; at Churchtown, Dundrum, 11 a.m.; at Bray (Assembly Rooms, West Wing), 11.30 a.m.; and at 83a Rathmines road, 11 a.m., 7 p.m.

British Society for the Propagation of the Gospel Among the Jews (Dublin Auxiliary).—Meeting for Jews, Canal Bank, Portobello (facing Martin street), to-morrow at 4 p.m.

Gilford Hall (United Services), Sandymount.—Sunday School, 3.15. Evangelistic Service at 4. Address by Mr. E. J. Figgis. Prayer and Bible study, Thursday, 7.45.

Grosvenor Hall, Rathgar.—7 p.m., address by Mr. Chas. J. Macleod.

Dublin City Mission Hall, 9 Anglesea street.—Evangelistic Service at 4; also on Wednesday evening at 8. Preacher, Mr. A. Jutton.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Dublin (a Branch of The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Mass.), 35 Molesworth street.—Services—Sunday, 11.30 a.m., 7 p.m.; Sunday School, 11.30 a.m.; Wednesday (Testimony Meeting), 8 p.m. The Christian Science Reading Room, same address, is open free to the public from 12 to 5 o'clock every week-day except Saturday and public holidays.

CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS.

City of Dublin Young Men's Christian Association, 43 Upper Sackville street.—To-night at 8, Men's Prayer and Fellowship Meeting. To-morrow, 3 to 5 p.m., Young Men's Conversational Bible Class. Leader, Mr. John Leech, K.C. Subject—The Book of Revelation. Sunday, 8.45 p.m., Lantern Service; address by Mr. R. O'Connor. Subject—"Two Golden Lilies." Boys' Department—To-night at 8, Prayer Meeting. To-morrow, 3 to 5 p.m., Bible Class.

Church of Ireland, 8 Dawson street—Prayer meeting to-night in the Secretary's Office, at 8.15. To-morrow a Gospel address, illustrated by magic lantern slides, will be given in the Minor Hall at 4.30 p.m., by Mr. J. Lyons Egan, on "A night in the Holy Land."

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NOTICE OF CHARITABLE BEQUESTS.

In the Goods of MRS. BRIDGET CUMMINS, late of No. 17 Upper Bridge street, Dublin, Widow, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the statute 30 and 31 Vic., chap. 54, sec. 19, that the said Bridget Cummins, by her Will, dated the 20th day of July, 1915, bequeathed to Canon Kavanagh, of High Street Chapel, Dublin, the sum of £200, to be applied by him for the purpose of repairs to said Chapel.

The Testatrix bequeathed the following sums to the following persons for the purpose of Masses for the repose of the souls of herself and her late son, Edward Cummins—namely:—

£100 to the Parish Priest at the time of her death of Adam and Eve's Chapel, Merchant's quay, Dublin.

£25 to Canon Kavanagh.

£10 to Father Butler, and

£10 to Father Fitzpatrick, all of High street, Dublin.

£10 to Father Scally, and

£10 to Father Monahan, both of Francis street Chapel, Dublin.

The Testatrix bequeathed to the Trustees of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul the sum of £20, and to the Roomkeepers' Society the sum of £20, to be applied in such manner as should be thought right. To St. Patrick's Home, Rialto, South Circular road, Dublin, the sum of £10, and to the Priest or other the head of the Roman Catholic Chapel, Mount Argus, Dublin, the sum of £10.

The Testatrix appointed Patrick Breen, of Victoria terrace, Kimmage road, Terenure, Co. Dublin, and Wm. Barrett, of Windsor Lodge, Monkstown, Co. Dublin, Executors of said Will, to whom Probate was granted forth of the Principal Registry of the King's Bench Division (Probate) of the High Court of Justice in Ireland on the 19th of December, 1916.

Dated this 21st day of December, 1916.

T. W. HARDMAN and SONS, Solicitors for said Executors, 14 Molesworth street, Dublin.

To the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests, and all whom it may concern.

Pursuant to an Order of the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice in Ireland, made in a suit,

"DONNELLY v. MULLEN" (1912, No. 857).

All persons claiming to be incumbrancers affecting all that the Estate and interest of Teresa Mullen in all that piece of ground part of Usher's Island in the City of Dublin now called Usher's quay formerly held by Christopher Fitzsimons and John Bermingham containing on the South fronting to Usher's quay 147 feet on the East 80 feet joining to Mr. Usher's former stable yard on the South 155 feet joining to the Summerhouse of Mr. Usher's former garden wall and on the West 79 feet joining to a piece of ground formerly waste and commonly called Mr. Usher's Island, and also all that piece of ground part of Usher's Island aforesaid now called Usher's quay containing in front on the North side fronting to Usher's quay 102 feet on the West side from front to rear 340 feet on the South side in the rear 172 feet and on the East side from front to rear 311 feet adjoining on the East side thereof partly by a parcel of ground formerly held by the said Christopher Fitzsimons and John Bermingham and partly by the said Usher's garden Wall, and on the West side thereof to ground formerly in possession of James Clarke, Merchant, and also all that piece of ground formerly the Summerhouse garden of the said Christopher Usher and afterwards of the said William Usher, situate at the back of the first lot and adjoining the said William Usher's former stable yard and on the South side to ground formerly the said William Usher's other gardens situate on Usher's quay in the City of Dublin aforesaid save and except that part of the said premises which the said Christopher Fitzsimons and John Bermingham by Indenture dated the 22nd March 1705 granted unto Robert Barker on which ground so conveyed stood the dwelling-houses wherein Captain Woodward and Bruen Brown formerly dwelt and also save and except that part of said premises on which the house known as No. 10 Usher's quay formerly stood together with the houses and premises known as Nos. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 Usher's quay and part thereof was heretofore called Moira Hotel and Wellesley Mart) all situate in the Parish of Saint Audoen and County of the City of Dublin, are by their solicitors to enter and prove their claims at the Chambers of the Hon. Mr. Justice Barton, Four Courts, City of Dublin, on or before the 20th day of January, 1917, or in default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said Order.

Every claimant having any security is to produce the same before the said Hon. Mr. Justice Barton at his Chambers, Four Courts, Dublin, on the 26th day of January, 1917, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon, being the time appointed for adjudicating on the claims.

Dated this 21st day of December, 1916.

THOS. W. ELLERKER, Chief Clerk.

JOHN L. SCALLAN and CO., Solicitors, 25 Suffolk street, Dublin.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Goods of MARCUS LYNCH, late of Barna House, Barna, County Galway, Esq., D.L., Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 22 and 23 Vic., c. 35, that written particulars of all claims against the Estate of the above-named Deceased, who died on the 6th November, 1916, at Barna House, aforesaid, must be furnished, on or before the 25th January, 1917, to the undersigned Solicitors for Miss Margaret Mary Lynch, the Executrix, to whom Probate of Deceased's Will was granted at Dublin on the 14th December, 1916. And Notice is hereby further given, that the assets of the said Deceased will be distributed immediately after the said 25th January, 1917, having regard only to the claims of which particulars shall have been then furnished as above required.

Dated this 21st December, 1916.

RYAN and O'BRIEN, Solicitors for said Executrix, 35 Stephen's Green, Dublin.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Goods of HENRY KNIGHT, late of 10 Lower Fitzwilliam street, Dublin, Retired Major Royal Artillery, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 22 and 23 Vic., c. 35, that written particulars of all claims against the Estate of the above-named Deceased, who died on the 15th July, 1916, at Private Hospital, Dublin, must be furnished on or before the 1st February, 1917, to the undersigned Solicitor for Henry Knight, the Executor, to whom Probate of Deceased's Will was granted at Dublin on the 28th November, 1916. And notice is hereby further given that the Assets of said Deceased will be distributed immediately after the said 1st February, 1917, having regard only to the claims of which particulars shall have been then furnished as above required.

Dated this 23rd December, 1916.

RYAN and O'BRIEN, Solicitors for said Executor, 35 Stephen's Green, N., Dublin.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Goods of JAMES QUINN, formerly of Erris, Boyle, in the County of Roscommon, Retired Farmer, and late of Lucerne, Palmerstown Gardens, County Dublin, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 22nd and 23rd Vic. Cap. 35, that all persons claiming to be Creditors or to have any claims or demands against the Estate and Effects of the above-named Deceased, who died on the 24th of November, 1916, are hereby required to furnish in writing, on or before the 22nd day of January next, the particulars of such claims and demands to the undersigned Solicitor for the Executor, to whom Probate of the Will, with one Codicil, of the said James Quinn, deceased, was granted on the 15th day of December, 1916, forth of the Principal Registry High Court of Justice in Ireland, King's Bench Division. And notice is hereby further given that after the said 22nd day of January, 1917, the said Executor will proceed to distribute the Assets of the said Deceased, having regard only to those claims the demands of which notice and particulars shall have been furnished as above required.

Dated this 21st December, 1916.

PHILIP C. P. McDERMOT, Solicitor for the Executor, Boyle, Co. Roscommon, and 23 Ely place, Dublin.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Goods of JOHN HUGHES, late of Portanghey, Emyvale, County Monaghan, Grocer's Manager, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 22nd and 23rd Vic., cap. 35, that all persons claiming to be creditors of, or otherwise having any claims or demands against the Estate of the above-named Deceased, who died on the 24th day of August, 1916, are hereby required, on or before the 1st day of February next, to furnish (in writing) particulars of such claims and demands to the undersigned Solicitor for Patrick McKenna, one of the Executors named in the Will of Deceased, and to whom Probate of said Will was, on the 9th day of October, 1916, granted forth of the Principal Registry, King's Bench Division (Probate) of the High Court of Justice in Ireland.

And Notice is hereby further given that after the said 1st day of February next the said Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Deceased, having regard only to the claims and demands of which notice and particulars shall have been given as above required.

Dated this 16th day of December, 1916.

ERNEST S. LOWE, Solicitor for the said Executor, 55 Lower Gardiner street, Dublin.

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, IRELAND. CHANCERY DIVISION—LAND JUDGES. LAND REGISTRY OF IRELAND.

Central Office, Four Courts, Dublin.

DANIEL MOLLOY, an Owner of Land. Application No. 11180 Y.

Part of the Lands of BOOLINARIG BIG, Electoral Division Eglish, Barony Eglish, King's County, containing 81a. 3r. 39p., statute measure, held at a yearly judicial rent of £39 16s. 6d.

Take notice that after the expiration of one month from the publication of this notice the Registration of said DANIEL MOLLOY, of Boolinarig, Birr, King's County, as full Owner of a Statutory Tenancy in the abovementioned Lands will be proceeded with.

And take notice that any objection must be filed within one month in the said Office, when the application and a Map of the said Lands may be inspected.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1916.

THOS. W. BELL, Chief Examiner.

ROONEY and CO., Solicitors for Daniel Molloy, 14 Upper Ormond quay, Dublin.

PATRICK JOSEPH TRACY, Deceased.

All persons having claims against the Estate of the above Deceased are requested forthwith to furnish particulars of same (in writing) to

H. and W. STANLEY, Solicitors, 59 Dawson street, Dublin.

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STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

MRS. BRIDGET CUMMINS, late of No. 17 Upper Bridge street, Dublin, Widow, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of the above, who died on the 3rd day of April, 1916, are required to furnish particulars thereof on or before the 22nd day of January, 1917, to the undersigned Solicitors for Patrick Breen, of Victoria terrace, Kimmage road, Terenure, County Dublin, and William Barrett, of Windsor Lodge, Monkstown, County Dublin, the Executors named in her Will, to whom Probate was granted on 19th December, 1916, and who will proceed to distribute the assets after the said 22nd January, 1917, having regard only to the claims of which they shall have had notice.

Dated this 21st December, 1916.

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WANTED, Working Housekeeper, Protestant, for country clergyman (single). State age and salary expected to Q 771, this office. C

WORKING Housekeeper required, Protestant, age about 30 to 40, strong and healthy, to take charge of housework and six children, aged 12 years to 14, country town (South). Apply, stating wages, to "Z 1865, Housekeeper," this office. D

WANTED, competent R.C. Lady's Maid for very delicate old lady; must have experience in illness, but invalid attendant would not suit, as good hairdresser and needlewoman essential; able to make and renovate; age not over 30; strict T.T.; must take charge of lady's room, and willing to help with house; country place, chapel near; state wages expected; send copies. Address "Z 1867, Maid," this office. D

WANTED, good General Charwoman in three days weekly; no washing; wages £16 to £18. Apply Mrs. Foster, Dublin Laundry Company, Milltown. D

WANTED, Betweenmaid; good washer and scrubber. Address "Z 1697, Betweenmaid," this office.

COOKS AND DAIRYMAIDS WANTED.

COOK, Plain, without help, Wanted for 29th; £20 £22; small family. Send particulars to Somerville, Wicklow. C

COOK General Wanted, January 1st; must be good plain cook, early riser, well recommended; some washing; also young House Parlourmaid; small family. Apply Mrs. Brooke, Newcastle, Co. Down. F

GENTLEMAN requires Cook General, experienced, £22; also House Parlourmaid, £20; Co. Down. Age, copies, to "Z 1870, Cook," this office. D

WANTED, after Christmas, good Cook General for country, King's County; must be well recommended. Address "Z 1853, General," this office. D

WANTED, early in January, good Cook General, to share with house parlourmaid entire work of very small country house at Woking, England; family two; wages £22, rising £1 yearly. Apply Miss Garner, Flowergrove, Kingstown.

WANTED, Cook and House Parlourmaid; £22 and £20. Answer, with reference, to Bajtins, St. Hilary's, Bexhill, Sussex. F

GENERAL SERVANTS WANTED.

CAN Lady recommend good General, some help given, plain cooking, small washing, four in family. Wanted January 1st.—Q 795, this office. D

FOR Manchester—Good General, all duties, cook, laundry, good wages, little help, three family. Apply, with references, Barr, Rishton, Blackburn. 8 21

SOUTHPORT—Experienced General for small family Wanted; fare paid.—Mrs. Forshaw, 40 Westcliffe road, Southport. 8 21

WANTED, good General Servant, good references, plain cooking, small washing, family three; wages £15-£16.—Mrs. Radcliff, Drumcondra Rectory, Athboy. 6 18

WANTED, good young General; well recommended; wages £12 to £15. Apply 7 Belgrave road, Rathmines. D

WANTED, good General Servant; country; sole charge. Copies discharges, full particulars to "Z 1857, General," this office. D

WANTED, smart young General, small family. Call or send copies testimonials, 17 Fitzwilliam terrace, Rathmines. Upper. E

WANTED, respectable Woman, General Servant; three in family; no washing; comfortable home; age between 35 and 45. Apply Mrs. Fraser-Pillor, Almorita Rectory, Mullingar. E

WANTED, for January 1st, experienced General; must cook well, clean, smart, tidy, early riser, small family, small washing; will take; good wages.—Mrs. Lucas, Prospect, Corbally, Limerick. F

HOUSE AND PARLOURMAIDS WANTED

HOUSE Parlourmaid, young, experienced, good references, private house, no washing, good outings; wages £20. Wanted at once.—Mrs. Dickson, Brendon Lodge, Lyndale, Childs Hill, London. C

CHRISTMAS APPEALS.

PROTESTANT ORPHAN SOCIETY.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL.

The Protestant Orphan Society appeal to their Subscribers and to the general public to come to their assistance before the close of the year.

Owing to the present high price of living, our nurses and mothers find it very hard to support the orphans under their care on the amounts they receive from the Society. A great many of them have made applications to the Committee for increased allowances, and also for Grants for clothing and boots.

The Committee have, as far as they were able, helped them in their present distress, but find that the strain is too much for the Society's income, and that, unless the sympathetic public come to their aid, they will have to sell out some of their capital, and so cut away a certain source of future income.

The Society is at present in debt to the Bank, and have to pay on overdraft, and the Committee are desirous of increasing the funds by some £400, to avoid overdrawing their account. If the overdraft could be avoided, we would be in a position to give more help to our widows and orphans in such a crisis as has now arisen. We, therefore, confidently appeal to you for help, in order that the cry of the widows, with their fatherless ones, may not be in vain.

We have recently added to our list 11 orphans, whose fathers were killed in the late rebellion.

Subscriptions will be received, and gratefully acknowledged, by the Secretary, 28 Molesworth street.

IN the distribution of your CHRISTMAS ALMS, please remember to send a DONATION to the most Ancient of our City Charities,

JERVIS STREET HOSPITAL

FOUNDED 1718).

Contributions will be gratefully received by the Sisters of Mercy, at the Hospital; or by any Member of the Managing Committee, or of the Medical Staff.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.

ST. MARY'S (CATHEDRAL) CONFERENCE.

The Members of this Conference appeal to those residing in, or having places of business in the district to aid them to render less acute the misery of the poor rain-soaked labourer on his return to a cheerless home after a fruitless search for work, or the greater suffering of the mother on her bed of sickness, without fire or nourishment for herself or her children.

The Members visit these poor families in their own homes, and relieve them without religious distinction, the only test being the want of the destitute and the always limited resources of the Conference.

The main portion of the havoc wrought in the City during Easter Week has fallen upon this Conference district, comprising, as it does, the destroyed area between Marlborough street and Liffey street, and with the consequent increase of poverty, and destruction of business houses, which formerly contributed to the Funds of the Conference, the Members feel that they have a very special claim upon generous hearts at this Holy Season.

Contributions will be gratefully received by Very Rev. RICHARD F. BOWDEN, Adm., Rev. JOHN FLANAGAN, C.C., Spiritual Director, Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough street.

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JOHN O'ROURKE, Hon. Treasurer.

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FOUNDED 1790.

95 HARCOURT STREET.

This Society is one of the oldest charities in the City. Its funds are distributed to the deserving poor and distressed strangers in Dublin and suburbs, without religious distinction. Subscriptions are earnestly requested.

WILL YOU HELP

THE DUBLIN CENTRAL MISSION

To make a

REAL CHRISTMAS

FOR THE POOREST CHILDREN, FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY?

Donations will be gladly received by (Rev.) J. N. SPENCE, George's Hall, South George's street, Dublin.

DOMESTICS CONTINUED.

NURSES WANTED.

EXPERIENCED Nurse required, for first baby, three months old. Reply, stating salary, and with copies of discharges (I.C.), Mrs. Ralph Dodd, Drayton Villa, Clara, King's Co. D

MRS. MacDermot, 28 Fitzwilliam place, requires Nurse 1st January, charge baby 7 months; R.C.; send copies discharges; state wages. D

NURSE Wanted immediately, R.C., experienced, for country place, two young children, eldest over two, a baby a year; good laundress essential; state wages; enclose copies references.—Mrs. F. O'Hare, Rostrevor, Co. Down. C

NURSE Housemaid Wanted, R.C., superior girl (above servant class); betweenmaid kept; no rough work; needlewoman essential. Address "Z 1898, Nurse Housemaid," this office.

WANTED, Children's Maid, Protestant, Rathgar, boy 8, girl 4; needlewoman; some washing.—Q 754, this office. D

WANTED immediately, experienced Nursemaid, young children; Protestant preferred; discharges.—Mrs. Miller, Vicarage, Ballygar, Roscommon. D

WANTED immediately, R.C. Nursery, under nurse maid; must be clean and tidy; girl to train might apply. French or Belgian may also apply. Address "Z 1847, Maid," this office. 5 20

WANTED immediately, thoroughly experienced young Nurse, to take care of infant; must be kind, well recommended, and smart in appearance; state wages and send copies of discharges.—Q 814, this office. D

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A THOROUGHLY experienced Lady's Maid, just disengaged, age 28 years, Protestant; hairdresser, dressmaker, traveller, packer.—Q 842, this office.

LADY recommends Sewingmaid; good needlewoman (hand and machine), cut out shirts, ladies' underclothing, blouses; age 25; not out before; £18, £20. Address "Z 1665, Maid," this office.

COOKS, DAIRYMAIDS DISENGAGED.

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HOUSEMAID wishes situation in gentleman's family; two years in last place; age 22, I.C. Address "Z 1883, Maid," this office.

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A SCHOOLBOY'S Fountpen, self filling, self cleaning, 14ct. gold nib, 4/- post free.—Hely's, Dame street. 8 15

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DIAMOND and Opal Ring, large superb opal, 22 fine brilliant diamonds, £7 15s.; well worth £20. Moulang, 31 Wellington quay.

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SACKS, Rick Covers, Sale or Hire, best terms; Corn and Potato Sacks cheap; Binder Twine, 65/- cwt.—Coleman, Sack Contractor, Waterproof Cover Manufacturer, 25-26 Chancery st. (formerly Pill lane), Dublin. T

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WATERPROOF Coats, Gents', 18/6, 22/6, 25/6, 32/6; Raincoats, 21/-, 25/-, 27/6, 32/6; Ladies' Waterproof Coats, 18/6, 22/6, 27/6; Raincoats, 18/6, 22/6, 25/-; Black Proof, 15/6; Children's Capes, lined 5/6, 11/6, 12/6; Black Proof Coats, 10/6, 11/6, 12/6.—The Athletic Stores, 122 Stephen's Green, Dublin.

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UNDER THE CARE OF THE SISTERS OF MERCY,

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Full particulars and grateful acknowledgments from the Hon. Secretary,

MRS. O'CONNELL, at Aasleagh Nursery, Leenane, Co. Galway.

MENDICITY INSTITUTION, 9 USHER'S ISLAND.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL.

The Committee of the Mendicity Institution appeal to their friends and the benevolent public to assist them in providing for the poor a substantial dinner on Christmas Day. The Mendicity Association has for years past entertained a very large number of the destitute of our City at this festive season. The great advance in the price of food and fuel, together with the severity of the weather, make this year an exceptionally trying one on the poor.

Subscriptions will be thankfully received and acknowledged by the Secretary, at the Institution.

ROBERT M. PURCELL, Secretary.

MONKSTOWN HOSPITAL, H.M. NAVAL SICK QUARTERS.

The Lady Superintendent anxiously appeals for Contributions towards providing Christmas Fare for Men of H.M. Patrol Service, as well as the ordinary Patients.

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(Under the Care of the Sisters of Charity), DONNYBROOK.

At this Holy Season, when we commemorate the birth of the King of Peace, the Sisters of Charity appeal to the generosity of the faithful to aid them in the support of the Poor Magdalens under their care, who are so dear to the heart of Christ. Unless help is forthcoming it will be impossible to continue the work, much less to admit those who seek a shelter from sin at their door. Those who help in the salvation of souls will undoubtedly get a rich reward from Him, who on the great Accounting Day will use these consoling words: "Amen, I say to you, whatsoever you did to the least of My brethren, you did it unto Me."

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ABOUT Furniture—Joseph F. Keogh, 25 Bachelor's Walk, Dublin, will Buy Portion or Contents of Residences. 'Phone—1066.

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WANTED, Green Whinstone or Granite Setts, 5 x 3½, 5" to 8" long. Reply Thompson, 168 Townsend street. E

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FOR Sale, Sunflower Washing or Starching Machine, 36 x 22, with 18 inch fast and loose pulleys and belt shifter, in first class condition, price £11. Apply Gaston, Engineer, Portrush. 6 18

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1916.

AUCTIONS.

KILMORE, ARTANE, CO. DUBLIN.
SALE OF TWO VALUABLE AND WELL-KNOWN CO. DUBLIN FARMS,

JOHN P. CUFFE has been instructed by the Executors of the late ANDREW J. KETTLE, Esq., to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on THURSDAY, the 11th JANUARY, at THE ABERDEEN HALL, GRESHAM HOTEL, DUBLIN, at 2 o'clock, the above well-known Lands.

LOT 1.—BONNYBROOK.—These Lands comprise approximately 106 acres, 0 roods, 22 perches, were bought out in 1912 under the Land Acts, 1903-9, and are subject to an annual payment to the Irish Land Commission of £152 13s. 8d. Poor Law Valuation, £113 15s. The Out-offices and Buildings comprise large Hay Barn, and Stabling for 6 horses. There are 8 Labourers' Cottages on the Lands. 40 Acres of above are under tillage, and the remainder under grass.

LOT 2.—KILMORE COTTAGE.—The Lands comprise approximately 89 acres, 3 roods, 5 perches, statute, and are subject to an annual payment of £101 8s. 8d. Poor Law Valuation, £114. Portion of the Lands (17 acres, 2 roods, 15 perches) was bought out in 1895, under the Land Acts 1891-96; portion (35a. 3r. 22p.) was bought under the Acts 1903-9, but the purchase is not yet complete, and portion (16a. 1r. 10p.) is held under a Judicial Tenancy. 34 acres are under tillage and 55 acres under grass.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE OF CHARITABLE BEQUESTS.
In the Goods of
MRS. BRIDGET CUMMINS, late of No. 17 Upper Bridge street, Dublin, Widow, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the statute 30 and 31 Vic., chap. 54, Sec. 19, that the said Bridget Cummins, by her Will, dated the 20th day of July, 1915, bequeathed to Canon Kavanagh, of High Street Chapel, Dublin, the sum of £200, to be applied by him for the purpose of repairs to said Chapel.

The Testatrix bequeathed the following sums to the following persons for the purpose of Masses for the repose of the souls of herself and her late son, Edward Cummins—namely:—
£100 to the Parish Priest at the time of her death of Adam and Eve's Chapel, Merchant's quay, Dublin.
£25 to Canon Kavanagh.
£10 to Father Butler, and
£10 to Father Fitzpatrick, all of High street, Dublin.
£10 to Father Scally, and
£10 to Father Monahan, both of Francis street Chapel, Dublin.

The Testatrix bequeathed to the Trustees of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul the sum of £20, and to the Roomkeepers' Society the sum of £20, to be applied in such manner as should be thought right. To St. Patrick's Home, Rialto, South Circular road, Dublin, the sum of £10, and to the Priest or other the head of the Roman Catholic Chapel, Mount Argus, Dublin, the sum of £10.

The Testatrix appointed Patrick Breen, of Victoria terrace, Kimmage road, Terenure, Co. Dublin, and William Barrett, of Windsor Lodge, Monkstown, Co. Dublin, Executors of said Will, to whom Probate was granted forth of the Principal Registry of the King's Bench Division (Probate) of the High Court of Justice in Ireland on the 19th of December, 1916.

Dated this 21st day of December, 1916.

T. W. HARDMAN and SONS, Solicitors for said Executors, 14 Molesworth street, Dublin.

To the Commissioners of Charitable Donations and Bequests, and all whom it may concern.

Pursuant to an Order of the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice in Ireland, made in a suit,

"DONNELLY v. MULLEN" (1912, No. 857).

All persons claiming to be incumbrancers affecting all the estate and interest of Teresa Mullen in all that piece of ground part of Usher's Island in the City of Dublin now called Usher's quay formerly held by Christopher Fitzsimons and John Bermingham containing on the South fronting to Usher's quay 147 feet on the East 80 feet joining to Mr. Usher's former stable yard on the South 105 feet joining to the Summerhouse of Mr. Usher's former garden wall and on the West 75 feet joining to a piece of ground part of the waste and commonly called Mr. Usher's Island, and also all that piece or ground part of Usher's Island aforesaid now called Usher's quay containing in front on the North side fronting to Usher's quay 102 feet on the West side from front to rear 340 feet on the South side in the rear 511 feet adjoining on the East side from front to rear 511 feet adjoining on the East side formerly held by Christopher Fitzsimons and John Bermingham and partly to the said Usher's former Garden Wall, and on the West side thereto to ground formerly in possession of James Clarke, Merchant, and also all that piece of ground the Summerhouse garden of the said Christopher Usher and afterwards of the said William Usher, situate at the back of the first lot next adjoining the said William Usher's former stable yard on the South side the ground formerly the said William Usher's other garden of Usher's quay in the City of Dublin aforesaid leave and except that part of the said premises which the said Christopher Fitzsimons and John Bermingham by Indenture dated the 23rd March 1706 granted unto Ralph Barker on which ground he erected there the dwelling houses wherein Captain Woodhouse and Bruno Brown formerly dwelt and also save and except that last part of premises on which the house known as No. 10 Usher's quay formerly stood together with the houses and premises thereon known as Nos. 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 Usher's quay (and part whereof was heretofore called Hones Hotel and Wellesley Mart) all situate in the Parish of Saint Audeon and County of the City of Dublin, are by their Solicitors to enter and prove their claims at the Chambers of the Hon. Mr. Justice Barton, Four Courts, City of Dublin, on or before the 20th day of January, 1917, or in default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said Order.

Every claimant holding any security is to produce the same before the said Hon. Mr. Justice Barton at his Chambers, Four Courts, Dublin, on the 26th day of January, 1917, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, being the time appointed for adjudicating on the claims.

Dated this 21st day of December, 1916.

THOS. W. ELLFRETT, Chief Clerk.
JOHN L. SCALLAN and CO., Solicitors, 25 Suffolk street, Dublin.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
In the Goods of
MARCUS LYNCH, late of Barna House, Barna, County Galway, Esq., D.L., Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 22 and 23 Vic., c. 35, that written particulars of all claims against the estate of the above-named Deceased, who died on the 5th November, 1916, at Barna House, aforesaid, must be furnished, on or before the 25th January, 1917, to the undersigned Solicitors for Miss Margaret Mary Lynch, the Executrix, to whom Probate of Deceased's Will was granted at Dublin on the 14th December, 1916. And Notice is hereby further given that the assets of the said Deceased will be distributed immediately after the said 25th January, 1917, having regard only to the claims of which particulars shall have been then furnished as above required.

Dated this 21st December, 1916.

RYAN and O'BRIEN, Solicitors for said Executrix, 35 Stephen's Green, Dublin.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
In the Goods of
HENRY KNIGHT, late of 10 Lower Fitzwilliam street, Dublin, Retired Major Royal Artillery, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 22 and 23 Vic., c. 35, that written particulars of all claims against the Estate of the above-named Deceased, who died on the 13th July, 1916, at Private Hospital, Dublin, must be furnished, on or before the 1st February, 1917, to the undersigned Solicitors for Henry Knight, the Executor, to whom Probate of Deceased's Will was granted at Dublin on the 28th November, 1916. And notice is hereby further given that the Assets of said Deceased will be distributed immediately after the said 1st February, 1917, having regard only to the claims of which particulars shall have been then furnished as above required.

Dated this 23rd December, 1916.

RYAN and O'BRIEN, Solicitors for said Executor, 35 Stephen's Green, N., Dublin.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
In the Goods of
JAMES QUINN, formerly of Erris, Boyle, in the County of Roscommon, Retired Farmer, and late of Lucerne, Palmerstown Gardens, County Dublin, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 22nd and 23rd Vic., Cap. 35, that all persons claiming to be Creditors or to have any claims or demands against the Estate and Effects of the above-named Deceased, who died on the 24th of November, 1916, are hereby required to furnish in writing, on or before the 22nd day of January next, the particulars of such claims and demands to the undersigned Solicitor for the Executor, to whom Probate of the Will, with one Codicil, of the said James Quinn, deceased, was granted on the 16th day of December, 1916, forth of the Principal Registry High Court of Justice in Ireland, King's Bench Division. And notice is hereby further given that after the said 22nd day of January, 1917, the said Executor will proceed to distribute the Assets of the said Deceased, having regard only to those claims the demands of which notice and particulars shall have been furnished as above required.

Dated this 21st December, 1916.

PHILIP C. P. MACDERMOT, Solicitor for the Executor, Boyle, Co. Roscommon, and 25 Ely place, Dublin.

STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
In the Goods of
JOHN HUGHES, late of Portunghey, Emyvale, County Monaghan, Grocer's Manager, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the Statute 22nd and 23rd Vic., c. 35, that all persons claiming to be creditors of, or otherwise having any claims or demands against the estate of the above-named Deceased, who died on the 24th day of August, 1916, are hereby required, on or before the 1st day of February next, to furnish (in writing) particulars of such claims and demands to the undersigned Solicitor for Patrick McKenna, one of the Executors named in the Will of Deceased, and to whom Probate of said Will was, on the 9th day of October, 1916, granted forth of the Principal Registry, King's Bench Division (Probate) of the High Court of Justice in Ireland.

And Notice is hereby further given that after the said 1st day of February next the said Executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Deceased, having regard only to the claims and demands of which notice and particulars shall have been given as above required.

Dated this 16th day of December, 1916.

ERNEST S. LOWE, Solicitor for the said Executor, 65 Lower Gardiner street, Dublin.

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE, IRELAND.
CHANCERY DIVISION—LAND JUDGES.
LAND REGISTRY OF IRELAND.
Central Office, Four Courts, Dublin.

DANIEL MOLLOY, Owner of Land. Application No. 11180 V.

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And take notice that any objection must be filed within one month in the said Office, when the application and a Map of the said Lands may be inspected.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1916.

THOS. W. BELL, Chief Examiner.
ROONEY and CO., Solicitors for Daniel Molloy, 14 Upper Ormond quay, Dublin.

PATRICK JOSEPH TRACY, Deceased.

All persons having claims against the Estate of the above Deceased are requested forthwith to furnish particulars of same in writing to

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STATUTORY NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
MRS. BRIDGET CUMMINS, late of No. 17 Upper Bridge street, Dublin, Widow, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of the above, who died on the 3rd day of April, 1916, are required to furnish particulars thereof on or before the 22nd day of January, 1917, to the undersigned Solicitors for Patrick Breen, of Victoria terrace, Kimmage road, Terenure, County Dublin, and William Barrett, of Windsor Lodge, Monkstown, County Dublin, the Executors named in her Will, to whom Probate was granted on 19th December, 1916, and who will proceed to distribute the assets after the said 22nd January, 1917, having regard only to the claims of which they shall have had notice.

Dated the 21st December, 1916.

T. W. HARDMAN & SONS, Solicitors for said Executors, 14 Molesworth street, Dublin.

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For further particulars and Conditions of Sale apply to JOSEPH M. REILLY, Solicitor having carriage of Sale, Drogheda and Ardee; or to

JAMES F. HALPENNY,
Auctioneer and Insurance Agent,
ARDEE.

KING'S CO.

I HAVE received instructions from Eugene J. Elvers, Esq., TO SELL BY AUCTION, at 29 PRUSSIA STREET, DUBLIN, on THURSDAY, the 28th DECEMBER, 1916, at 1 o'clock, the Tenant's Interest in the Valuable Fattening Farm of BALLYBRITTAN, about 2 miles from Edenderry, M.G.W. Railway. It contains 258a. 1r. 19p., Statute Measure, or thereabouts, and is held as a judicial tenancy at the yearly rent of £289 6/2. Poor Law Valuation £279.

The Farm is well sheltered and watered. There is a nice Gentleman's Residence, with suitable Out-offices.

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SALE OF VERY VALUABLE SMALL GRAZING HOLDING AT
MILVERTON, SKERRIES.

WE are favoured with instructions from Mrs. Hamilton to SELL BY AUCTION, at SKERRIES, on TUESDAY, 9th JANUARY, 1917, at two o'clock—All that part of the lands of Milverton, Skerries, in the County of Dublin, containing 19 acres 0 roods 10 perches, Statute Measure, or thereabouts, held under a judicial agreement dated 11th November, 1895, at the rent of £22, and now subject to an agreement dated the 25th March, 1908, to purchase under the Land Acts for a sum of £474, on which annual interest £17 15s 6d. in lieu of rent is payable until lands are vested, upon which the future annuity to the Irish Land Commission will be £15 8s. 0d. Poor Law Valuation, £19 10s. 0d.

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This very valuable holding is situated close to Skerries, adjoining the famous Limestone Quarries of Milverton, along the high road.

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EMPLOYMENT WANTED.
TO EMPLOYERS.

THE SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' HELP SOCIETY EMPLOYMENT BUREAU are prepared to supply Men to fill the positions of:—

Shop Assistants,	Hall Porters,
Clerks,	Van Drivers,
Messengers,	Watchmen,
Cashiers,	Labourers,
Checkers,	Valets,
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35 DAWSON STREET, DUBLIN.

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NORTH Circular road—Advertisements (Prepaid) for "Irish Times" can be handed in at Lonergan's Newsagency and Confectionery, Ye Olde Toll House, Phœnix Park Gate, up to 5.15 p.m. daily (including Sundays) for publication in next day's issue. T

MALES WANTED.

GENERAL Man Wanted, either married or single, do the work round Rectory, drive if required, and make himself useful; state age and wages required; give references. Address "Z 1878, Man," this office. C

HERD Wanted. Send copies of discharges, stating wages, to Barker, Ardrass, Celbridge. D

RABBIT Trappers Wanted, with own gear; state terms. R. P. Fuge, Glencorran, Ardmore. 6 21

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TRAPPERS—Wanted, three good Men, with own gear, long job, 7d. per couple. Apply Pritzie, Grantson Manor, Ballacolla, Queen's County. D

WANTED, Pantry Boy, Protestant, some experience, and about 16; near Dublin. Address "Z 1858, Boy," this office. C

WANTED, County Carlow, strong House and Garden Boy; Protestant; well recommended. Address "Z 1868, Boy," this office. E

WANTED, Herd and General Man (married). Apply T. Magee, Trim, Meath. E

WANTED, strong Boy (Protestant), indoor, work between house and garden, knives, boots, carry coal, etc. Address "Z 1703, Boy," this office. F

YARDMAN and Dairymaid Wanted, no young children, husband and wife, or brother and sister; must be good milkers. Apply J. Webster, Magherymore, Wicklow. D

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GARDENERS and Stewards—We keep a register of those seeking employment, and we are always able to recommend highly competent and thoroughly practical men. Particulars free.—Joseph Orr and Sons, Seedsmen, Belfast.

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WANTED, honest, active Couple, R.C., for garden and housework; also strong country Girl for housework. Apply Convent, Hatnet, England. 9 20

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MONKSTOWN—Attractive Detached Double-fronted RESIDENCE, in perfect order, with garden, stabling, garage, etc.; choicely situated on tram line; will be Let on very moderate terms. Apply to James H. North and Co., 110 Grafton street.

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TO BE LET ON LEASE OR SOLD,
WHITEGATE HOUSE and DEMESNE LANDS (in all about 80 Acres), situated on the shores of Cork Harbour, about 1½ miles from Aghada steamer Pier.
Apply to J. PENROSE FITZGERALD, Estate Office, Midleton, Co. Cork.

TO LET,
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COUNTY OF MEATH.
TO HUNTING MEN AND OTHERS.

TO BE LET, the conveniently situated Gentleman's Residence known as Beechmount House, within quarter of a statute mile from Navan (Great Northern Railway), with Three Paddocks containing about 6 Acres. The House contains 3 Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Pantries, Scullery, 5 Bedrooms, Bathroom, W.C.'s, etc.

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OWING to Subscriber's recent illness, he wishes to Let the YEW TREE FARM or portion thereof, with Dwellinghouse and commodious Out-offices, comprising stables, cattle houses, and 90-ton grain and hay barn. The Farm will comprise 200 statute acres or less if desirable, is sound grazing and tillage land. Over 30 acres are alluvial soil, and are fattening lands, well watered, a river bounding one side. There are 26 acres in tillage, and 34 acres laid down with best grass seeds, while the grazing portions are fresh sod.

The Yew Tree Farm is 2½ miles from Shillelagh and Carnew, in a good hunting district. Apply
WM. BARKER,
YEW TREE FARM, SHILLELAGH.

MALES CONTINUED.

WANTED, Working Gardener, head of two, vegetables, fruit, some glass, herbaceous borders, roses, lawns; state wages expected, with house, fuel, potatoes, and vegetables found. Address "Z 1844, Gardener," this office. E

MALES DISENGAGED.

GROOM Coachman, single, Protestant; ineligible; useful; highly recommended; £30. Address "Z 1889, Coachman," this office. E

TRAPPER requires employment, own gear; highest reference. Address "Z 1880, Trapper," this office. D

WANTED, situation as Stud Groom, etc. Address "Z 1874, Groom," this office. 6 21

YARDMAN and General Man; thoroughly understands care of cattle, horses, and gardening; married; highly recommended. Address "Z 1860, Yardman," this office. D

YOUNG Man, absolutely sober, requires situation in Hunting Stables; good appearance; recommended.—Mrs. Disney, Tullyglush, Keady, Co. Armagh. F

STEWARDS & GARDENERS DISENGAGED

GARDENER—Gentleman reducing establishment, wishes situation for excellent Man; married, no family. Address "Z 1894, Gardener," this office. D

LAND Steward open for engagement; first class farmer and very profitable manager of all stock; highly recommended for character, efficiency, and integrity. Apply to "Z 1869, Steward," this office. D

DOMESTICS WANTED.

XMAS HOLIDAYS
AT
IRISH TIMES SERVANTS' REGISTRY OFFICE.

The Office will be Open 10 to 11 on THIS (SATURDAY) MORNING, and will be Closed on ST. STEPHEN'S DAY. Business Resumed on WEDNESDAY, 27th inst.

AUSTRALIA—Girls Wanted; fare £3.—Corbett, Authorised Agent, 18 Lt. Ormond quay, Dublin. T

APPLY—Hundreds good Cooks, Gens., P. H. P'maids, for Dublin, London.—Kennedy's, 58 Sackville st.

HIGH class General or Working Housekeeper Wanted, four in family; small washing and all house work; wages £20; state age.—Q 840, this office.

WANTED, Working Housekeeper. Protestant, for country clergyman (single). State age and salary expected to Q 771, this office. C

WORKING Housekeeper required, Protestant, age about 30 to 40, strong and healthy, to take charge of housework and six children, aged 2½ years to 14, country town (South). Apply, stating wages, to "Z 1805, Housekeeper," this office. D

WANTED, competent R.C. Lady's Maid for very delicate old lady; must have experience in illness, but invalid attendant would not suit, as good hairdresser and needlewoman essential; able to make and renovate; age not over 30; strict T.T.; must take charge of lady's room, and willing to be useful in house; country place; chapel near; state wages expected; send copies. Address "Z 1867, Maid," this office. D

WANTED, good General Charwoman in three days weekly; no washing; wages £15 to £18. Apply Mrs. Porter, Dublin Laundry Company, Milltown. D

WANTED, Betweenmaid; good washer and scrubber. Address "Z 1897, Betweenmaid," this office. D

COOKS AND DAIRYMAIDS WANTED.

COOK, Plain, without help, Wanted for 29th; £20 to £22; small family. Send particulars to Somerville, Wicklow. C

COOK General Wanted, January 1st; must be good plain cook, early riser, well recommended; also washing; also young House Parlourmaid; small family. Apply Mrs. Brooke, Newcastle, Co. Down. F

GENTLEMAN requires Cook General, experienced, £22; also House Parlourmaid, £20; Co. Down. Age, copies, to "Z 1870, Cook," this office. 5 21

WANTED, after Christmas, good Cook General for country, King's County; must be well recommended. Address "Z 1863, General," this office. D

WANTED, early in January, good Cook General, to share with house parlourmaid entire work of very small country house at Woking, England; family two; wages £22, rising £1 yearly. Apply Miss Garner, Flowergrove, Kingstown. D

WANTED, Cook and House Parlourmaid; £25 and £20. Answer, with reference, to Battine, St. Hilary's, Bexhill, Sussex. F

GENERAL SERVANTS WANTED.

CAN Lady recommend good General, some help given, plain cooking, small washing, four in family. Wanted January 1st.—Q 795, this office. D

FOR Manchester—Good General, all duties, cook, laundry, good wages, little help, three family. Apply, with references, Barr, Rishton, Blackburn. 5 21

SOUTHPORT—Experienced General for small family Wanted; fare paid.—Mrs. Forshaw, 40 Westcliffe road, Southport. 6 21

WANTED, good General Servant, good references, plain cooking, small washing, family three; wages £15-£16.—Mrs. Radcliff, Drumconrath Rectory, Ardee. 6 19

WANTED, good young General; well recommended; wages £12 to £15. Apply 7 Belgrave road, Rathmines. C

WANTED, good General Servant; country; send copies. Copies discharges, full particulars to "Z 1857, General," this office. E

WANTED, smart young General, small family. Call or send copies testimonials, 17 Fitzwilliam terrace, Rathmines, Upper. E

WANTED, respectable Woman, General Servant; three in family; no washing; comfortable home; age between 35 and 45. Apply Mrs. Fraser-Pillor, Almonfrin Rectory, Mullingar. F

WANTED, for January 1st, experienced General; must cook well, clean, smart, tidy, early riser, small family, small washing; will take, good wages.—Mrs. Lucas, Prospect, Corbally, Limerick. D

HOUSE AND PARLOURMAIDS WANTED

HOUSE Parlourmaid, young, experienced, good references, private house, no washing, good outings; wages £22. Wanted at once.—Mrs. Dickson, Brendon Lodge, Lyndale, Childs Hill, London. C

CHRISTMAS APPEALS.

PROTESTANT ORPHAN SOCIETY.
CHRISTMAS APPEAL.

The Protestant Orphan Society appeal to their Subscribers and to the general public to come to their assistance before the close of the year.

Owing to the present high price of living, our nurses and mothers find it very hard to support the orphans under their care on the amounts they receive from the Society. A great many of them have made applications to the Committee for increased allowances, and also for Grants for clothing and boots.

The Committee have, as far as they were able, helped them in their present distress, but find that the strain is too much for the Society's income, and that, unless the sympathetic public come to their aid, they will have to sell out some of their capital, and so cut away a certain source of future income.

The Society is at present in debt to the Bank, and have to pay on overdraft; and the Committee are desirous of increasing the funds by some £400, to avoid overdrawing their account. If the overdraft could be avoided, we would be in a position to give more help to our widows and orphans in such a crisis as has now arisen. We, therefore, confidently appeal to you for help, in order that the cry of the widows, with their fatherless ones, may not be in vain.

We have recently added to our list 11 orphans, whose fathers were killed in the late rebellion.

Subscriptions will be received, and gratefully acknowledged, by the Secretary, 28 Molesworth street.

IN the distribution of your CHRISTMAS ALMS, please remember to send a DONATION to the most Ancient of our City Charities,

JERVIS STREET HOSPITAL
FOUNDED 1718).

Contributions will be gratefully received by the Sisters of Mercy, at the Hospital; or by any Member of the Managing Committee, or of the Medical Staff.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL.
ST. MARY'S (CATHEDRAL) CONFERENCE.

The Members of this Conference appeal to those residing in, or having places of business in the district to aid them to render less acute the misery of the poor rain-soaked labourer on his return to a cheerless home after a fruitless search for work, or the greater suffering of the mother on her bed of sickness, without fire or nourishment for herself or her children.

The Members visit these poor families in their own homes, and relieve them without religious distinction, the only test being the want of the destitute and the always limited resources of the Conference.

The main portion of the havoc wrought in the City during Easter Week has fallen upon this Conference district, comprising, as it does, the destroyed area between Marlborough street and Liffey street, and with the consequent increase of poverty, and destruction of business houses, which formerly contributed to the Funds of the Conference, the Members feel that they have a very special claim upon generous hearts at this Holy Season.

Contributions will be gratefully received by
Very Rev. RICHARD F. BOWDEN, Adm.,
Rev. JOHN FLANAGAN, C.C., Spiritual Director, Pro-Cathedral, Marlborough street.
WILLIAM J. ELLIS, President.
JOHN O'ROURKE, Hon. Treasurer,
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B. R. BALFOUR, D.L., Townley Hall, Drogheda.

Funds continue to be badly needed to provide for orphans and for destitute and suffering Armenians.

STRANGERS' FRIEND SOCIETY,
FOUNDED 1790.
95 HARCOURT STREET.

This Society is one of the oldest charities in the City. Its funds are distributed to the deserving poor and distressed strangers in Dublin and suburbs, without religious distinction. Subscriptions are earnestly requested.

WILL YOU HELP
THE
DUBLIN CENTRAL MISSION
To make a
REAL CHRISTMAS
FOR THE POOREST CHILDREN,
FOR THE SICK AND NEEDY?
Donations will be gladly received by (Rev.) J. N. SPENCE, George's Hall, South George's street, Dublin.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL
FOR
ST. JOSEPH'S NIGHT REFUGE
FOR
HOMELESS POOR,
UNDER THE CARE OF THE SISTERS OF MERCY,
BRICKFIELD LANE, CORK STREET, DUBLIN.
(FOUNDED BY THE LATE VERY REV. DR. SPRATT, A.D. 1861.)

We fully realise the difficulties besetting the generous during this dreadful War, and at any other time of the year would feel hopeless of sympathy.

We believe, however, that as the season approaches excitement calms down and thoughts are turned to the first Christmas Day.

We have for long years glorified Our Infant Saviour's Birthday for those who all the year round suffer the loneliest Poverty—Homelessness! We come forward now relying on the efficacy of the Christmas Story, which always inspires a heavenly sympathy, to plead for our Homeless Poor.

In memory of Christ's Birthday, then, leave in spirit your happy homes, and picture to yourselves the Homeless Poor who come to us for one day's cheer in a year of misery. The world may forget, God never does.

Women and children of every denomination admitted free.

MONEY ORDERS MADE PAYABLE TO SISTER MARY URSULA MOONEY, SUPERIORESS.

URGENT APPEAL.
"SEND PORTIONS UNTO THEM FOR WHOM NOTHING IS PREPARED."—Neh. 8. 10.
AASLEAGH NURSERY, LEENANE.

In this little Home for Orphan and Destitute Children, in the wilds of Connemara, there are many waiting for those "portions," needed now more than ever. The Home is entirely supported by voluntary contributions, and as in these days of stress many who gave liberally cannot now afford to do so this urgent Appeal is made to all who sympathise with such efforts made on behalf of the future men and women of our country.

Full particulars and grateful acknowledgments from the Hon. Secretary,
MRS. O'CONNELL,
at Aasleagh Nursery,
Leenane,
Co. Galway.

MENDICITY INSTITUTION,
9 USHER'S ISLAND.
CHRISTMAS APPEAL.

The Committee of the Mendicity Institution appeal to their friends and the benevolent public to assist them in providing for the poor a substantial dinner on Christmas Day. The Mendicity Association has for years past entertained a very large number of the destitute of our City at this festive season. The great advance in the price of food and fuel, together with the severity of the weather, make this year an exceptionally trying one on the poor.

Subscriptions will be thankfully received and acknowledged by the Secretary, at the Institution.

ROBERT M. PURCELL,
Secretary.

MONKSTOWN HOSPITAL,
H.M. NAVAL SICK QUARTERS.

The Lady Superintendent anxiously appeals for Contributions towards providing Christmas Fare for Men of H.M. Patrol Service, as well as the ordinary Patients.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN'S ASYLUM FOR FEMALE PENITENTS
(Under the Care of the Sisters of Charity),
DONNYBROOK.

At this Holy Season, when we commemorate the birth of the King of Peace, the Sisters of Charity appeal to the generosity of the faithful to aid them in the support of the Poor Magdalens under their care, who are so dear to the heart of Christ.

Unless help is forthcoming it will be impossible to continue the work, much less to admit those who seek a shelter from sin at their door. Those who help in the salvation of souls will undoubtedly get a rich reward from Him, who on the great Accounting Day will use these consoling words: "Amen, I say to you, whatsoever you did to the least of My brethren, you did it unto Me."

DOMESTICS CONTINUED.
NURSES WANTED.

EXPERIENCED Nurse required, for first baby, three months old. Reply, stating salary, and with copies of discharges (I.C.), Mrs. Ralph Dodd, Drayton Villa, Clara, King's Co. D

MRS. MacDermot, 28 Fitzwilliam place, requires Nurse 1st January, charge baby 7 months; R.C.; send copies discharges; state wages. D

NURSE Wanted immediately, R.C., experienced, for baby a year; good laundress essential; state wages; enclose copies references.—Mrs. F. O'Hare, Rostrevor, Co. Down. C

NURSE Housemaid Wanted, R.C., superior girl (above servant class); nursemaid kept; no rough work; needlewoman essential. Address "Z 1898, Nurse Housemaid," this office. C

WANTED, Children's Maid, Protestant, Rathgar, boy 5, girl 4; needlewoman; some washing.—Q 754, this office. C

WANTED, immediately, experienced Nursemaid, young children; Protestant preferred; discharges.—Mrs. Miller, Vicarage, Ballygar, Roscommon. D

WANTED immediately, R.C. Nursery, under nursemaid; must be clean and tidy; girl to train might suit; French or Belgian may also apply. Address "Z 1847, Maid," this office. 5 20

WANTED immediately, thoroughly experienced young Nurse, to take care of infant; must be kind, well recommended, and smart in appearance; state wages and send copies of discharges.—Q 814, this office. D

WANTED, Nurse for baby, 18 months old; state experience and wages expected. Address "Z 1885, Nurse," this office. E

DOMESTICS DISENGAGED.

A THOROUGHLY experienced Lady's Maid, just disengaged, age 28 years, Protestant; hairdresser, dressmaker, traveller, packer.—Q 842, this office.

LADY recommends Sewingmaid; good needlewoman (hand and machine), cut out shirts, ladies' underclothing, blouses; age 23; not out before; £18, £20. Address "Z 1665, Maid," this office.

COOKS, DAIRYMAIDS DISENGAGED.

COOK, or Cook Housekeeper, disengaged 1st January; highest testimonials; thoroughly reliable; would go to priest or gentleman. Address Cook, Gallagher, Ballycolman, Strabane, Co. Tyrone. E

GOOD Cook; thoroughly understands her business; highly recommended.—Q 804, this office.

HOUSE PARLOURMAIDS DISENGAGED

HOUSEMAID wishes situation in gentleman's family; two years in last place; age 22, I.C. Address "Z 1893, Maid," this office.

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AT KELLY'S, 48 FLEET STREET, Engagement Rings—A magnificent selection of Secondhand Single Stone, Two, Three, Five Stone Gipsy, Marquise, and Cluster Rings, set with Diamonds, Emeralds, Rubies, Sapphires, and Pearls, etc., of the finest quality, brilliancy, and colour.

A LADY'S Purse Pencil, that writes with ink, the Black Diamond Stylo, 4/- post free.—Hely's, Dame street. 8 15

A SYLEH Fountpen, makes a delightful Xmas gift, 14ct. gold nib, 5/9 post free.—Hely's, Dame street. 8 15

A SCHOOLBOY'S Fountpen, self filling, self cleaning, 14ct. gold nib, 4/- post free.—Hely's, Dame street. 8 15

ACTIVE Service Wrist Watch, solid nickel, dust proof, screw case, clear dial, very sound movement, 10/9, post free.—Hely's, Dame street, Dublin. 8 15

ATTACHE Cases, with and without fittings; Ladies' Blouse Cases, Dressing Cases, Gift Suit Cases, etc.—Hely's Fine Leather Goods, Dame st., Dublin. 8 21

AT Kelly's, 48 Fleet st.—Diamond Rings for Sale at half cost price. E

AT Kelly's, 48 Fleet st.—Gold and Silver Wrist Watches for Sale. E

AT Kelly's, 48 Fleet—Pendant Brooches, Bangles, Chains, etc., for Sale at half cost price. E

DIAMOND and Opal Ring, large superb opal, 22 fine brilliant diamonds, £7 15s.; well worth £20. Moulang, 31 Wellington quay. T

FOOTBALLS—Match, 5/9, 7/9, 8/9, 9/9, 10/9; Youths', 2/9, 3/9, 4/9.—The Athletic Stores, 122 Stephen's Green, Dublin. O

FOR Sale, New (extras complete) Singer's Sewing Hand Machine; take £4 10s. Seen 100 Lower Baggot st. D

GOLF Clubs, best make, 4/6; Bags, 4/6, 5/9, 6/9; Repaints, Silver King Golf Balls, 1/- each.—The Athletic Stores, 122 Stephen's Green. O

OUR Black Diamond Stylo Pen, with 16ct. gold needle, will at your waistcoat pocket, 4/- post free.—Hely's, Dame street. 8 15

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